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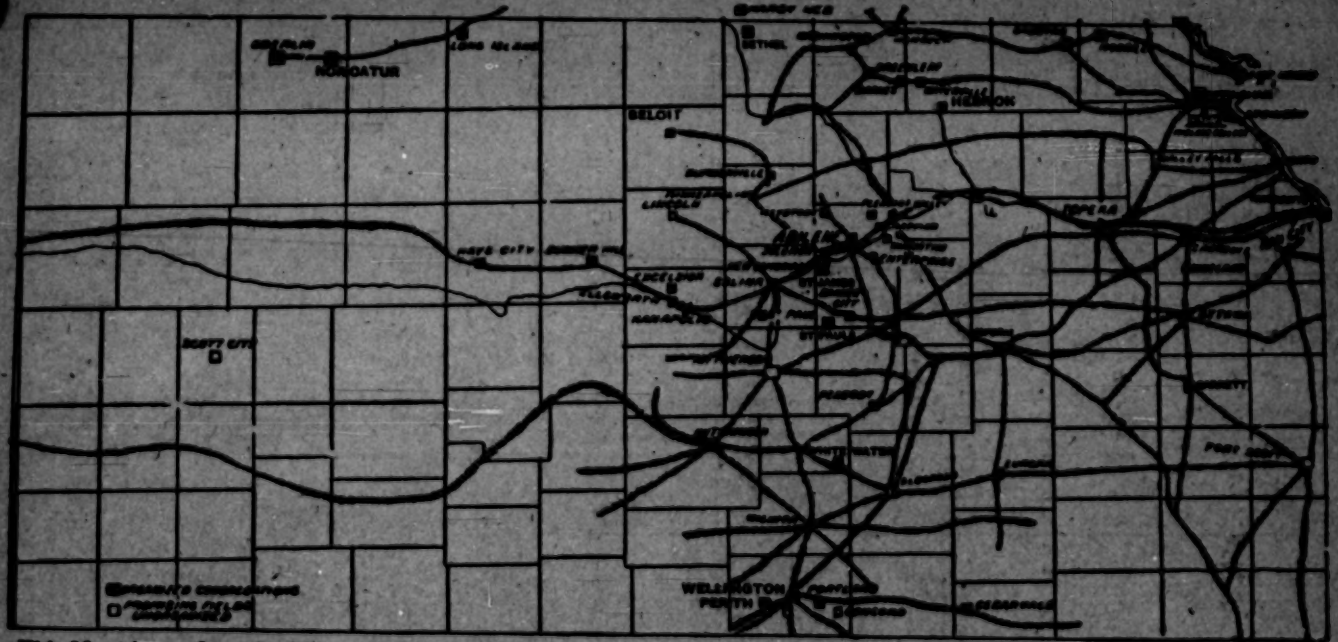

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Rev. W. W. HORN.

Representative to Lutheran Bible Conference.

Rev. R. B. WOLF.

PROGRAM 1910 CONVENTION.

Friday, October 14th.

7.30 P. M.—*Anniversary of Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.*

9.00 P. M.—*Opening Sermon of Synod.* Rev. GEORGE S. MURPHY. Alternate, Rev. G. C. CLARK.

* Term expires.

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No.	*Time.*	*Place.*
29.	October 20-25, 1896	Lawrence, Kan.
30.	October 20-24, 1897	Peabody, Kan.
31.	October 19-23, 1898	Hutchinson, Kan.
32.	October 18-22, 1899	Atchison, Kan.
33.	October 3-7, 1900	Waterville, Kan.
34.	October 16-20, 1901	Wellington, Kan.
35.	October 15-19, 1902	Salina, Kan.
36.	October 21-25, 1903	St. Joseph, Mo.
37.	October 19-23, 1904	Eureka, Kan.
38.	October 17-21, 1905	Emporia, Kan.
39.	October 16-17, 1906	Topeka, Kan.
40.	October 15-18, 1907	Ottawa, Kan.
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The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas assembled in Forty-second Annual Convention in the First English Lutheran Church of Kansas City, Mo., Rev. J. C. Schindel, pastor, Friday evening, October 15, 1909, at 8 o'clock.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. George S. Murphy, of Peabody, Kan. His text was found in Romans, 1st chapter, 16th verse.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1909, 9.15 A. M.

After a half-hour of devotional services, conducted by Rev. A. B. Shrader, Synod was opened by the President, using the order of Morning Service found in the Book of Worship.

The Clerical roll was called and lay delegates enrolled.

Roll of Synod.

Number.	Ministers.	Entered Ministry.	Residence.	Lay Delegates
1	S. Henry, *a.*	1850	Independence, Kan.	
2	A. B. Kirtland, *a. e.*	1857	Salina.	
3	N. W. Lilly	1858	Kansas City, Mo.	
4	D. Scholl, *a.*	1859	Seattle, Wash.	
5	M. L. Exline	1863	Hutchinson.	
6	H. H. Hall, D.D., *a.*	1869	Chapman.	
7	J. Howard Stough, Ph. D	1872	Atchison.	
8	J. F. Cressler, *a.*	1872	North Platte, Neb.	
9	John A. Bright	1873	Campus	H. W. Ottken.
10	A. J. Kissel	1874	Whitewater	J. G. Turner.
11	S. Palmer, *a. e.*	1875	Lawrence.	
12	C. W. Sifferd, D.D.	1875	Tulsa, Okla.	J. D. Wynn (Com.)
13	J. M. Cromer, D.D	1876	Kansas City, Mo.	M. C. Ross.
14	B. F. Pugh	1877	Ottawa	C. Johnson Garnett.
15	J. A. M. Zeigler, D.D.	1877	Atchison.	
16	J. N. Zimmer, *a. e.*	1878	Abilene.	
17	H. A. Ott, D.D.	1881	Salina	J. W. Craft.
18	F. D. Altman, D.D.	1882	Atchison.	
19	A. B. Shrader	1882	Kansas City, Mo.	
20	J. C. Schindel	1884	Kansas City, Mo.	J. A. Wible.
21	H. L. Yarger, D.D.	1885	Atchison.	
22	J. Kuhn	1886	Bunker Hill	J. Bowers.
23	H. A. Koogle, *a. e.*	1888	Chapman.	
24	G. G. Clark	1890	Wichita	M.L.Errickson (Com.)
25	I. B. Heisey	1892	Waterville	L. K. Kistler.
26	R. B. Wolf	1893	Kansas City	H. E. Dengle.
27	H. Zimmerman, *a. e.*	1893	Nebraska City.	
28	P. G. Tonsing, *a.*	1893	Atchison.	
29	N. H. Royer, *a. e.*	1893	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Geo. G. Sohlberg.
30	S. M. Lesher	1894	Sedalia, Mo	C. L. Waggard.
31	Geo. Beiswanger	1894	Kansas City, Mo.	D. H. Kresky.
32	Geo. S. Murphy	1896	Peabody	W. H. Sutphin.
33	A. M. Reitzel	1896	Wellington	Jesse Hangen.
34	A. E. Renn	1896	Atchison	B. D. Zimmerman.
35	J. H. Fetterolf	1896	Perth	T. A. Erhart.
36	E. E. Stauffer	1897	Lawrence	J. C. Eriksen.
37	J. B. Grove	1898	Norcatur	G. C. Jorn.
38	B. R. Lantz	1898	St. Joseph, Mo.	Otto Modeer.
39	C. F. Weist	1898	Hayes City.	
40	J. T. Miller	1899	Santa Fe.	
41	W. W. Horn	1900	Topeka	C. W. Horn.
42	O. Macwilliams	1903	Eureka	H. E. Rizer.
43	John Utesch, *a., e.*	1904	Beloit.	
44	H. M. Nicholson	1904	Ottawa	C. J. Hjort.
45	W. Calvert, *l.*	1909	Hutchinson	M. H. Wagner.
46	L. W. Doud, *l.*	1909		
47	Paul H. Heisey, *l.*	1909		
48	E. H. Gilmer, *l.*	1909		
..	Vacant	....	Valley Falls	J. M. Dornblaser.
..	Vacant	....	Emporia	Louis T. Bang.
..	Vacant	....	Abilene	H. L. Humphry.
..	Vacant	....	Moray	Martin Anderson.

a., Absent. *a. e.*, Absent and excused. *l.*, Licensed.

The President's Report was read and referred to the proper committee.

President's Report.

DEAR BRETHREN:—In the good Providence of our God we are permitted to assemble here in this Forty-second Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas. The goodness and the mercy of God have been ours. The record of the year is closed and we are soon to take up the work of another. The past is in the hands of the Great Head of the Church. For what has been done let us give Him the praise; for what is before us let us invoke His Divine guidance and aid. Where we have failed let us humbly crave His pardon and beseech Him to assist us in the future to be more faithful in the performance of our duties and to make more of the manifold opportunities that cross our pathway.

One year ago you honored me with the high office of President. I am pleased to submit herewith a brief summary of my official acts, together with such facts pertaining to the conditions within the Synod as may be of interest, and a digest of your reports on the state of the Church.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

Rev. Josiah Kuhn, St. Elmo, Ill., to Bunker Hill, December 1, 1908.

Rev. W. F. Poot, LL.D., Tekamah, Neb., to New Cambria, January 1, 1909.

Rev. C. W. Sifferd, D.D., Ottawa, to Tulsa, Okla., January 1, 1909.

Rev. H. M. Nicholson, Lucus, Ohio, to Ottawa, April 1, 1909.

Rev. William Calvert, Kansas City, Mo., to Hutchinson, April 11, 1909.

Rev. George G. Clark, Emporia, to Wichita, May 1, 1909.

Rev. George Beiswanger, Oklahoma City, to Children's Memorial, Kansas City, Mo., June 1, 1909.

Rev. E. H. Gilmer, Ottumwa, Iowa, to Effingham, June 14, 1909.

Rev. N. H. Royer, Brookville, Ohio, to Oklahoma City, October 24, 1909.

RESIGNATIONS.

Rev. C. W. Sifferd, D.D., Ottawa, to take effect December 31, 1908.

Rev. A. B. Shrader, Children's Memorial, Kansas City, Mo., to take effect April 30, 1909.

Rev. George G. Clark, Emporia, to take effect May 1, 1909.

Rev. George Beiswanger, Oklahoma City, to take effect May 31, 1909.

Rev. W. F. Poot, LL.D., New Cambria, to take effect September 1, 1909.

Rev. John A. Bright, Campus, to take effect October 1, 1909.

Rev. Fuller Bergstresser, Abilene, to take effect October 10, 1909.

Rev. John H. Utesch, Beloit, to take effect October 31, 1909.
Rev. S. M. Lesher, Sedalia, Mo., to take effect October 31, 1909.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

Rev. W. F. Poot, LL.D., from the Synod of Nebraska, January 9. 1909.
Rev. Josiah Kuhn, from the Synod of Central Illinois, December 15, 1908.
Rev. H. M. Nicholson, from Wittenberg Synod, April 4, 1909.

LETTERS GRANTED.

Rev. Edwin Bollman, to Iowa Synod, April 10, 1909.

INSTALLATIONS.

April 4, 1909, Rev. H. M. Nicholson was installed pastor of St. Paul's, Ottawa. The charges to the pastor and congregation were delivered by Rev. R. B. Wolf and the President, respectively.

March 14th, Rev. W. F. Poot, LL.D., was installed pastor of the First Lutheran Church, New Cambria. Rev. H. A. Ott, D.D., delivered both charges and conducted the ceremony of installation.

May 16th, Rev. George G. Clark was installed pastor of St. Paul's, Wichita; Rev. Holmes Dysinger, D.D., officiating.

VACANCIES.

Minneapolis.—I wrote several times to one of the leading members of this church, endeavoring to obtain the expression of a desire to have a pastor secured for the field, but failed to get any encouraging response. The last letter assured me that, although there were said to be about thirty members of the congregation, the church could not be counted on for more than $100 toward the salary of a pastor. We have a church and parsonage there and it is my opinion that some move should be taken, but in the face of such declaration as the one just referred to, I am not clear as to what that move should be.

Greenleaf-Barnes.—December 18, 1908, I visited this charge, holding service morning and evening at Greenleaf, and in the afternoon at Barnes, urging at each place that a pastor be called and a business-like financial system introduced. I continued to correspond with the Secretary of the Council after my return for several months. However, no pastor was secured until Mr. P. A. Sorensen of the Seminary went there for the summer. He has returned to his studies, and the plan is, I believe, to have a supply from the Western Seminary. My personal impression is that this field should have a

regular pastor. The field is a good one. Our property is in good repair. The lack of a parsonage, since the salary cannot be large, is the great obstacle.

Emporia.—Rev. G. G. Clark resigned this field May 1, since which time services have been regularly held. The indications are that a pastor will be secured in the near future.

Abilene.—Vacant only a week. The committee is at work diligently and, undoubtedly, a pastor will be secured very soon.

New Cambria.—A pastor has been called, but has not given his reply as yet. Has been vacant only about six weeks.

Oklahoma City.—Rev. N. H. Royer will take charge October 24th.

Campus.—Congregation is working to pay off the indebtedness due the former pastor before his successor is called. Vacant only a few weeks.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS.

January 1, 1909, Rev. C. W. Sifferd, D.D., took charge of our new work at Tulsa, Okla. The organization of a congregation was effected March 14th, with 37 names on the charter roll. Since this time the work has advanced very nicely. The pastor is much encouraged.

During the last of December, 1908, I secured Rev. George G. Clark to canvass Wichita. The outlook from the very start was encouraging. The first service was held January 10th, in the auditorium of the Wichita School of Music. Reverend Clark delivered the sermon, your President had charge of the service, and the Peabody Choir furnished the music. Reverend Clark faithfully continued the canvass at intervals when he could get away from his own work, and February 7th the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized with 54 names on the roll. February 28th a call was extended Reverend Clark to become the pastor of the new organization, and the congregation decided to ask for no aid from the Board of Home Missions, but be self-supporting from the beginning. This makes a new record for mission work in Kansas Synod. Reverend Clark accepted the call to take effect May 1st, and is now on the field. In the interim, the President was instructed to provide regular service every Sunday, which was done. The Advisory Board may give more facts concerning these two fields. Both of these new organizations, Tulsa and Wichita, will apply for admission into this Synod at this Convention.

NEW BUILDINGS AND DEDICATIONS.

The new Excelsior Church, replacing the one destroyed by fire July 25, 1908, was dedicated December 13, 1908. Rev. H. A. Ott,

D.D., preached the dedicatory sermon and conducted the dedicatory services, assisted by the pastor, Rev. J. Kuhn. The church is Gothic frame, 50 x 32 feet, including a small lecture room and vestibule. It is lighted with the "Sun" Gas Lighting System, and has a 900-pound steel alloy bell. The cost of the church was $2,700.00. All except $1,680.00 insurance from the old church which was destroyed by fire was provided before the day of dedication.

The New Children's Memorial English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Mo., was dedicated Sunday February 28, 1909, by the pastor, Rev. A. B. Shrader, assisted by Revs. E. P. Schueler, F. D. Altman, D.D., H. L. Yarger, D.D., and James C. Schindel. The building is a frame structure, 30 x 40, with a wing, 20 x 30, and a tower about 10 x 12. Seating capacity 250. It is situated on a corner lot, 50 x 138, on the southeast corner of Independence and Brighton Avenues, fifty blocks east of Main Street, and thirty-eight blocks from the former location. The church is complete in every way and is pronounced a gem of beauty. It cost $5,000.00 and the lot $2,000.00. All had been provided for by the day of dedication, except $1,500.00. The offerings on the day of dedication amounted to almost $1,000.00, which left the small balance of $500.00, which the congregation assumed.

The new St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Atchison, was opened for worship on May 23, 1909. The sermon was delivered by the President of Synod. The total cost of this new building, including the pipe organ, was approximately $14,300.00, nearly all of which had been provided in advance. The new church stands on the same corner as the old. It is built of pressed brick, trimmed with stone. The windows are beautiful designs in art glass; the floor is of hard pine, polished; the ceiling, steel; the decorating is very tasteful and neat. The seating capacity of the auditorium is about 350, which with the lecture room, which is at the side and can be added to the auditorium by sliding partition, gives a total seating capacity of nearly 600. The chancel is furnished with altar, box lecturn and box pulpit, and marble font. A large pipe organ is under the left arch, with choir loft immediately in front. Behind the false arch to the right of the chancel is the pastor's study. St. Mark's is to be congratulated on having one of the best churches, in every way, in Kansas Synod.

Waterville.—On August 15th the Waterville Church was re-dedicated. The pastor was assisted in the services of the day by Rev. F. D. Altman, D.D., and Rev. J. A. Lowe. This church was entirely remodeled by the extension of the main room 12 feet, making an addition of 12 x 28 feet to the audience room. A room

12 x 32 feet was also added to one side, which is connected to the main room by two rolling partitions. The entire building was newly shingled and plastered. This, with two large triple Gothic art glass windows in the two gables, and tinted walls, new pulpit platform, altar railing, and a splendid new lighting system, makes the interior very commodious and beautiful. The outside appearance has also been entirely changed; the tower and vestibule being now at the corner instead of at the gable end. The vestibule is 10 x 10 feet. The expense of these improvements was about $2,000.00, all of which was provided for except $465.00.

WASHINGTON PARSONAGE.

Soon after the adjournment of Synod last fall I took up the matter of the Washington Parsonage, to which reference was made in the last report. As Rev. I. B. Heisey was so near, I deputized him to act for me and try to push the matter through so as to realize something from the property for the Synod. Investigation proved that this was not so easy a matter to bring about as we thought. Other members of the old congregation appeared who did not look with favor upon the proposition to sell the property. Reverend Heisey will make a report on the matter and give the result of his efforts to date.

EFFINGHAM-VALLEY FALLS

Immediately after the adjournment of Synod last fall, in accordance with the instructions of Synod, I wrote to Dr. Dysinger regarding the matter of Valley Falls and Effingham again uniting in one pastorate. Under date of November 2d, the Doctor replied, stating that the matter would be taken up by the Council at Valley Falls the following Sunday and, if deemed advisable, a congregational meeting would be called to dispose of the matter.

A later letter from the Doctor informed me that the congregational meeting had been held, and that the action would be forwarded to me at an early date. This official paper reached me in a few days. After giving fifteen specific statements bearing upon the question it was stated that "In view of these difficulties, it is deemed impracticable to reunite with Effingham. These are our convictions, irrespective of the continuance or discontinuance of the present arrangements" and was signed by the Secretary of the congregational meeting. The spirit manifested in the treatment of the subject by this official paper, which was "unanimously adopted" by the congregational meeting made it very clear that any further steps in the direction of attempting the end desired would be useless.

CEDAR SPRINGS.

At the earnest request of Brother Calvert that the President visit the field of his labor at Cedar Springs and vicinity, and attempt to settle the matter of his continuing the work there, one way or the other, on January 20th, I asked Reverend Stauffer to go and investigate for me and report. He did so and the result of his investigation was to recommend the field for immediate and aggressive occupation, subject to the endorsement of the Board of Church Extension, without whose liberal and substantial aid nothing could be done of a permanent character. The Field Secretary of that Board, after his investigation of the field, held the opinion that there were plenty of fields of greater promise, needing both money and men. Soon after this, Reverend Calvert accepted the work at Hutchinson. What has been done at Hutchinson since he went there is abundant proof that God rules in these matters and, in the end, the wiser course was taken.

AD-INTERIM LICENSES.

Messrs. William Calvert, who took charge of the Hutchinson work; E. H. Gilmer, who took charge of Effingham; and Paul Heisey, supply at Salina during the absence of the pastor, Rev. H. A. Ott, D.D., in Europe, were granted *ad-interim* licenses on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Examining Committee, according to Art. VIII, Sec. II a, of the Constitution.

MIDLAND COLLEGE MEMORIAL.

According to the instructions of Synod at the last convention, I presented again the memorial of this Synod to the Board of Trustees of Midland College, asking for larger representation on that Board from the Synods. Upon motion the matter was referred to a committee, which brought in a majority and minority report, the former of which was adopted, giving notice that, at the next annual meeting, an amendment to the Constitution would be presented, giving the Synods increased representation. It may not be out of place, in this connection, to state that owing to certain negotiations in progress between the Board of Education and the Board of Trustees of Midland College, pertaining to the control of the Western Theological Seminary, a special meeting of the latter Board has been called for January 18, 1910, the chief purpose of which meeting is to consider this very matter of larger Synodical representation.

DEATHS.

During the year that is closed the hand of death has been laid upon us heavily. Three of our number—Revs. W. A. Lipe, R. B.

Whitehill and M. J. Firey, D.D.—who in life rendered great service to our God and the Church, have been called from the labors of earth to the glories of heaven to enjoy a blessed rest and an earned reward. It is a peculiar coincidence that the names of these departed brethren were numbers 5, 6 and 7, respectively, on our clerical roll. Uncontrollable circumstances prevented the Synod from being represented officially at the funeral services of any of these brethren. I am pleased to note, however, that the funeral service of Rev. R. B. Whitehill was in charge of a member of this Synod, Rev. J. M. Cromer, D.D. The Committee on Necrology will provide for a suitable service in memory of these esteemed brethren.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

During the year I visited, in by official capacity, Greenleaf, Barnes, Ottawa, Oklahoma City, Emporia, Kansas City, Lawrence, Atchison, Campus and Waterville.

IMPROVEMENTS.

I am pleased to note the following improvements in the Synod, as given in the different reports:

Mt. Zion, a new light plant at a cost of $75.00. Emporia, natural gas, new lights, vestments for choir, street paving and new sidewalk. Effingham, new sidewalk. Salina, street paving, at a cost of $1,200.00, paid in full. Hutchinson, street paving, at a cost of $400.00. Topeka, refurnished lecture and primary rooms. Wellington, city water put in church and parsonage. Whitewater, church repainted and new sidewalk. Ottawa, bathroom in parsonage, individual communion service. Beloit, $45.00 improvements on parsonage and barn. St. Joseph, Mo., $170.00 for paving; $3,000.00 loan from Board of Church Extension repaid. Campus, windmill erected at parsonage, cost of $50.00. Hays, altar railing, renovating interior of church, pulpit chairs and roof repairs, at total cost of $350.00. Peabody, improvements at parsonage; completion of beautifying church, total $1,800.00.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

A careful examination of the reports of the different churches cannot fail to convince one that the work of our Church is in a very prosperous condition in this Synod. As a matter of course there are conditions that exist that are to be deplored. The answers in some cases are not as emphatic as we would all like to see them, but on the whole there is good indication that there is improvement along all lines. Figures, as well as questions and answers, at last count but little in the progress of the Kingdom of God. That there

are "some," as a few of the brethren referred to them, who are not as faithful in the use of the means of grace and the performance of other duties as they should be, while it is to be regretted that such is the case, is not sufficient cause to make our hands hang down and our knees grow feeble. Our Lord plainly indicated this in His Parable of the Tares. These are not the ones who constitute the great body of our people. We are living in an age of commercialism. The spirit of this struggle for gain does interfere with the religious life and habits of our membership. That cannot be denied. But, with it all, there is underneath the surface, a good, substantial basis of loyalty to our God, of interest in the Truth, and our people are faithful in the main. Churches are being built and paid for, and nice churches, too; improvements are being made to the property; the attendance at the stated services of the church is not diminishing, but growing; officials are diligent in their duties; parents are giving more care to the training of their children; along all lines there is unmistakable evidence of progress, growth and substantial development.

The financial side of the work of the church is decidedly encouraging. Of all the reports received, only three show that the pastor's salary is not paid promptly. The apportionment has been paid in a large majority of cases, although the number is still too large of those who have failed to secure the apportionment and have only an excuse to offer for not doing so. In the matter of mission aid, two of our churches that have received aid the past year will ask for none for the next year; and one other, at least, will ask for less. There is every reason to thank God and take courage.

FINIS.

I beg leave to express my personal appreciation of the way the members of this Synod have so unanimously and cheerfully assisted me in my duties as President during the year. Every courtesy has been extended; every assistance promptly given. No official could have received better support, or more hearty co-operation than has been my privilege to enjoy on the floor of Synod and during the interim. As best I could I have done my duty, and return to you the trust that was given a year ago, conscious of the fact that more might have been done; but the fault is not yours, nor have my failures been voluntary. I thank you, brethren, most profoundly.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Section 13, Art. VIII of the Constitution recommends the installation of pastors in their office. The reports of the Presidents for the past three years, including this, show that no fewer than twenty

calls have been accepted to our churches and the pastors have entered upon their duties in that time. The same reports show a total of only seven installations, or a little more than one-third. I recommend that Synod take some action that will either make the use of this churchly and official ceremony more generally observed, or strike out of the Constitution a recommendation that is apparently so unpopular.

Respectfully submitted, GEO. S. MURPHY.

Election of Officers.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Rev. George S. Murphy, Peabody, Kan.

Secretary—Rev. George G. Clark, Wichita, Kan.

Treasurer—Mr. E. J. Wolf, Kansas City, Kan.

Statistical Secretary—Rev. George Beiswanger, Kansas City, Mo.

On motion the first seven pews of the church were made the bar of Synod.

The hours for opening and adjourning Synod were fixed at 8.45 and 12.00 A. M. and 2.00 and 5.00 P. M. Evening services 7.30.

Press reporters were appointed as follows:

Lutheran World—Rev. C. F. Weist.

Lutheran Observer—Rev. A. B. Shrader.

City Papers—Mr. D. H. Kresky.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education has had under its direction three young men during the past year, who have received the full amounts appropriated to them by this body:

Mr. Paul H. Heisey, of the present senior class in the Western Theological Seminary.

Mr. Paul Mennenoeh, of the present middle class, in the same institution.

Mr. Herman Psicholz, of the present junior class in Midland College.

The reports concerning these brethren are favorable, indicating good behavior and faithfulness in application to their school studies.

During the summer vacation, Mr. Heisey very acceptably served as a supply pastor for St. John's Lutheran Church, of Salina, Kan.

Mr. Mennenoeh ministered to the Evangelical Church, near Paola, Kan., for his uncle, during his absence in Germany.

Mr. Psicholz was busy in a practical way during the summer months adding to his available cash assets for the school year.

We must commend these young men for the spirit and desire of self-help manifested, and their ability to do much in this direction.

Mr. Gerhard Krueger, who was allowed to drop out last year for the purpose of earning money to continue his studies, wrote August 6, 1909, that he was anxious to return to Atchison this year and would be glad if he could receive $100.00 towards his support. The Chairman of the Committee replied, assuring him that the amount asked would be granted.

September 19, 1909, Mr. Krueger wrote that he had decided to accept an offer of the German Nebraska Synod to join that Synod and that the German Nebraska Synod would arrange with the Kansas Synod to pay back the money he had received from it.

Your Committee would recommend:

First, that Mr. Paul H. Heisey and Mr. Paul Mennenoeh be each given an appropriation of $125.00.

Second, that Herman Psicholz be given $75.00, as this is the amount he asked, believing that with other receipts from his labor he can finish the school year without debt.

Third, that all the requirements of our beneficiaries be codified and put into the form of an agreement, which is to be mutually signed by the beneficiary and the Committee representing the Synod.

Fourth, that the apportionment for this fund for the coming year be referred to Apportionment Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. ALTMAN,
H. L. YARGER,
A. B. ZIMMERMAN.

The report was considered *seriatim* and then adopted as a whole.

Appointment of Committees.

President's Report—Rev. B. R. Lantz, Rev. R. B. Wolf, Mr. H. W. Ottken.

Auditing—D. H. Kresky, C. J. Erickson, M. H. Wagner.

Synodical Calendar—Rev. C. F. Weist, Rev. S. M. Lesher, Mr. B. D. Zimmerman.

Minutes of Conference—Rev. H. M. Nicholson, Mr. L. K. Kistler.

Correspondence.—Rev. C. W. Sifferd, D.D., Rev. J. H. Fetterolf, Mr. H. F. Rizer.

Apportionment—Rev. A. M. Reitzel, Rev. H. A. Ott, D.D., Mr. M. C. Ross.

Western Theological Seminary—Rev. E. E. Stauffer, Rev. A. B. Shrader, Mr. Otto Modeer.

Resolutions—Rev. S. M. Lesher, Rev. J. Kuhn, Mr. H. E. Dengle.

Vacant Congregations—Rev. B. F. Pugh, Rev. I. B. Heisey, Mr. Jacob Bowers.

Claims.—Rev. Oliver Macwilliams, Rev. A. E. Renn, Mr. W. H. Sutphin.

Admission of New Churches—Rev. George Beiswanger, Rev J. A. M. Zeigler, D.D., Rev. W. W. Horn.

Temperance—Rev. A. M. Reitzel, Rev. W. W. Horn, Rev. B. F. Pugh.

Absentees and Excuses—Rev. John A. Bright, Rev. J. M. Cromer, Mr. Christ. Johnson.

Representative to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society—Rev. A. E. Renn.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. F. D. Altman, D.D.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1909, 2 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. M. L. Exline.

Minutes of first session were read and adopted.

The roll of Synod was called.

The time for the service of Confession and Absolution, preparatory to the Holy Communion, was fixed for 3 P. M.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

Your committee begs leave the submit the following report:

We rejoice in the growth in prohibition sentiment, and in the ever-widening field of prohibition territory. More than one-half of the country is under prohibition. We will hail with joy the coming of that day when the victory will be complete; when the last

black spot shall have disappeared from the map; when the traffic in morals and manhood shall no longer find protection; when the government shall give Federal recognition to the laws of the states by prohibiting the shipment of liquor into prohibition territory; when the saloon shall be declared an outlaw in every State in the Union.

We declare our opposition to the saloon because of what it does. "It cuts down youth in its vigor, manhood in its strength, and age in its weakness. It breaks the father's heart, bereaves the doting mother, erases conjugal love, blots out filial attachment, blights parental hopes and brings down mourning age in sorrow to the grave. It makes wives widows; children orphans; fathers fiends, and all of them paupers and beggars."

We hate it for its "intolerance, its hypocrisy and arrogance; for its domination in politics, its corrupting influence and its utter disregard for law. We hate it for its mental ruin, its spiritual blight and its moral degradation. We hate it for the crimes it has committed, the homes it has destroyed, and the hearts it has broken."

We regard the saloon business as an evil, for it robs the body of its strength, the mind of its vigor and the soul of its hope. It steals honor from man, virtue from woman, happiness from the home, power from the Church and patriotism from the State.

It breeds crime and defies law.

"It fills our almshouses with paupers, our asylums with inmates and our potters' fields with graves."

It demands and receives our best offerings—our sons and daughters—and when it returns them to us they are blighted in body, mind and soul, for the seeds of sorrow and suffering have been sown in their lives by this enemy of all righteousness.

We believe that the saloon business was conceived in sin, born in iniquity, cradled in vice and nurtured in lawlessness, and that the protection of our homes, the preservation of our liberties, as well as the precepts of our religion, impel us to declare our opposition to the business, and join heart and hand in prayer and labor for the dawning of that day when, from Maine to the Philippines, and from the ice fields of the North Pole to the Everglades of Florida, the Stars and Stripes shall wave in triumph, not only as the emblem of liberty from physical bondage, but also as the symbol of freedom and protection from the evils of the licensed saloon.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. REITZEL,
W. W. HORN,
B. F. PUGH.

Adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. George S. Murphy, and adopted:

Resolved, That this Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas, in Convention assembled at Kansas City, Mo., October 16, 1909, urgently and respectfully petition the President of the United States and our National Congressmen to assist Prohibition States in the enforcement of their State liquor laws, by withdrawing the Federal protection thrown about the importation of liquor into Prohibition States, through Inter-State Commerce Laws, which thus gives Federal encouragement to the violation of State laws. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to every member of this Synod by the Secretary with the request that they be forwarded, in turn, to our Representatives and Senators.

Synod adjourned for the service of Confession and Absolution, preparatory to the Holy Communion.

The service was conducted by Rev. W. W. Horn and the sermon was preached by Rev. J. B. Grove, from the text 1st Cor. 11, 28.

After this service Synod resumed its regular order of business.

The following by-law was adopted:

By-Law on Synodical Calendar Committee.

Resolved, That it be the duty of the President to appoint all committees, temporary and standing, and that the committee known as the Synodical Calendar Committee be henceforth known as the Committee on Speakers for next Convention and that the duties of that Committee be restricted to that work.

It was made the special order to hear the report of the Board of Trustees of Midland College at the time for the first item of business on Monday afternoon; Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions at 10 A. M., Monday; and the report of the Committee on Necrology at 4 P. M.; Deaconess' Work by Rev. A. E. Renn Tuesday, immediately after the opening of Synod; following this the representative of the Pastors' Fund, Rev. F. D. Altman, D.D., who was appointed to take the place of

Rev. J. Eugene Dietterich; Rev. H. A. Ott, D.D., on the Laymen's Movement.

Synod adjourned for a meeting of the Ministerium.

SATURDAY EVENING.

OCTOBER 16, 1909, 8 P. M.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society had charge of the service. An address was made by Mrs. James, and articles for the missionary box were presented.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

OCTOBER 17, 1909, 11 A. M.

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The following persons were licensed to preach the Gospel for one year: William Calvert, Paul H. Heisey, L. W. Doud and E. H. Gilmer.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1909, 8.45 A. M.

Devotional services were conducted by J. Kuhn.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. I. B. Heisey. The minutes of the second session were adopted.

On motion the following persons were made advisory members of the Synod: Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D., Rev. H. L. Yarger, D.D., Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D.D., Rev. L. P. Ludden, D.D., Rev. Holmes Dysinger, D.D., Rev. George N. Mendenhall, Rev. V. A. M. Mortensen and Rev. W. C. Seidel, D.D.

The Representative of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. Alice Bond, extended the greetings of that society.

Report of Committee on Washington Parsonage.

As the representative of the President, I made several trips to Washington, Kan., with the purpose of securing the Parsonage property for the Synod. At first it appeared that this might be done. One man, who represented himself as the only party interested, the only one left of the congregation, and who had charge of the property for about eighteen years, collecting the rents and making the needed repairs and who, according to his report, was barely able to make the rent keep up the repairs, was perfectly willing to sell and give the money over to the use of the Synod. When, however, the situation had been canvassed more fully, to be sure that a deed could be made, it developed that there were at least two other important men that must sign the papers, and they were not willing that the money should be taken from the community. A congregational meeting was called and trustees elected, who will now have a businesslike oversight and will probably be able to make the property pay its taxes. The taxes had accumulated until last fall they amounted to $280.00. I secured a reduction of this bill to $140.00. On my first visit, Mr. J. S. Alspaugh, President of the Washington National Bank, was the man I first addressed on the subject.

Respectfully submitted, I. B. HEISEY.

Adopted.

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(3.) On page 33 we find a recommendation that the Committee to secure $75.00 to furnish a room in Tabitha Hospital, be continued until the balance of $30.00 be raised. What has been done to secure the balance?

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. FETTEROLF,
J. B. GROVE,
A. J. KISSEL.

Adopted.

Dr. Wolf addressed Synod in the interests of the work of the Board of Foreign Missions, Dr. Ludden in the interest of the Board of Home Missions, Dr. Yarger in the interests of the Board of Church Extension.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The report of President Rev. George S. Murphy is a concise and comprehensive statement of the ecclesiastical transactions within the bounds of our Synod during the past year and a careful record of his own faithful activity in behalf of our Zion.

We recommend that when a pastor accepts a call to any church in the Kansas Synod and notifies the President to that effect, the President immediately call his attention and the attention of the Church Council to Section 13, Art. 8 of the Constitution, recommending the installation of pastors into their office, and request them to comply with this provision.

Respectfully submitted,
B. R. LANTZ,
R. B. WOLF,
H. W. OTTKEN.

Adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

The Auditing Committee wish to state that they have carefully examined all items and totals of the Treasurer's report, and found them correct, and we wish to commend for the completeness and neatness of his report.

We find:

Total amount received during the year	$5,548.04
Balance on hand 1908	2,885.08
Grand total	$8,433.12
Disbursed during the year	7,132.35
Balance on hand	$1,300.77

Respectfully submitted,
D. H. KRESKY
C. J. ERIKSEN,
M. H. WAGNER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Conference.

There is nothing in the Minutes of either Conference that needs the attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. GROVE,
H. M. NICHOLSON,
LOYD K. KISTLER.

Adopted.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. C. Seidel, D.D.

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1909, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. C. W. Sifferd, D.D.

Report of Trustees of Midland College.

The report of the faculty to the Board of Trustees at its last annual meeting shows that the past year of Midland has been, in many ways, one of the most successful in the history of the institution. The various improvements have been encouraging and have been in the line of bringing Midland into a standard that ranks with the other institutions of the State. The semester system of dividing the college year into halves, lengthening the recitation periods from forty-five minutes to one hour has been adopted. The President reports that the result of these improvements and changes are being made apparent in better recognition of the College, better classroom work, fewer failures and less friction.

There has been establishel by the Board a new professorship of History and Pedagogy, and Professor Voight, the efficient principal of the Academy, was selected to the head of this department. The Rev. George N. Mendenhall, an alumnus of Midland, was chosen as principal of the Academy. It was decided also that the President of the College should be relieved from further classroom work and that he should give his entire time to the administration of the institution and visiting the congregations of our Midland territory. This the Board feels will be conducive to Midland's best interests, and will have a tendency to bring the College and her constituency closer together.

There have been two resignations during the year—Prof. Robert J. Peters, of the English department; Prof. A. B. Frizzel, of the chair of Mathematics and Astronomy. Rev. William A. Sadtler, Ph.D., has been elected to succeed Professor Peters, and Rev. J. A. M. Zeigler, Ph.D., D.D., to succeed Professor Frizzel.

It is with sorrow that we chronicle the death of Miss Maria Linley, the preceptress of Oak Hall and instructor in Domestic Science. Miss Linley was a graduate of Midland of the Class of 1902, able and efficient in her work, and withal a beautiful Christian character. Miss Lucile McAfee, of Topeka, is at the present time filling the place made vacant by the death of Miss Linley.

One of the things of interest to the Kansas Synod is the proposition from the Board of Education, and sanctioned by the last meeting of the General Synod, to make the Western Theological Seminary a department of the College, the Board of Trustees of the College to assume control of the same. The College Board appointed a Committee to confer with the Board of Education concerning the matter, with power to call a special meeting if the Committee deem it best.

This Committee called a special meeting of the Board on the 5th of October, at which time the Committee, as a part of its report, in conformity to the advice of the Board of Education, recommended the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution which would give the Synods the majority of representation on the Board.

The following is the proposed amendment:

The Board of Trustees shall consist of twenty-seven members. They shall be elected as follows:

By the Board of Trustees from the city of Atchison.....4
By the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska (English).....6
By the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas.....6
By the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.....6
By the Rocky Mountain Synod.....2
By the Alumni Association.....3

Owing to the fact that there were not the requisite two-thirds of the members of the Board present to act on this amendment, no definite action was taken except to request the Committee to present the matter to the Synod and ask them to select three tentative members of the Board who may sit as members of the Board at its next annual meeting in case the amendment carries at a special meeting of the Board which has been called for January 18, 1910.

We are also pleased to report that it was announced at the last meeting of the Board that the necessary pledge of $15,000.00 had been secured for the Midland College Library Endowment, which will now make possible the $15,000.00 promised by Mr. Andrew Carnegie.

1. We recommend that we hereby express our thanks to all individuals and churches who have aided in securing this Endowment Fund.

2. That the Synod elect three tentative members of the Board of Trustees.

3. That by the passing of this recommendation we record our hearty approval of the effort to give the Synods the majority representation, as proposed in the above amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. ERIKSEN,
GEO. S. MURPHY,
LOUIS T. BANG.

Adopted.

Rev. M. F. Troxell, D.D., President of Midland College, addressed Synod in behalf of the work of our institution.

Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Education, spoke in behalf of the work of that Board.

The following resolution was presented by Rev. J. M. Cromer, D.D., and adopted:

Resolved, That at the close of the present Synodical year, 1909 and 1910, the Trustees of Synod be authorized to borrow a sufficient amount of money to make up the deficit which shall remain at that time upon the subscriptions of $15,000.00 to the Carnegie Library Fund made by Synod, and that the other Synods cooperating in the movement be notified of our action, and requested to do likewise.

The report of the Committee on Necrology was received and, with the report pending, a special memorial service was held, at the close of which the report was adopted by a rising vote.

The service was in charge of Rev. J. M. Cromer, D.D., the chairman of the committee. Hymn No. 591 was sung and

Rev. Cromer read 1 Cor. 15: 50-58. Rev. J. A. M. Zeigler, D.D., spoke of the life, character and great work in our Church of Rev. M. J. Firey, D.D.; Rev. A. M. Reitzel spoke of the life and work of Rev. R. B. Whitehill; Rev. J. M. Cromer, D.D., of the life and work of Rev. W. A. Lipe. Remarks were also made by the following brethren: Rev. C. W. Sifferd, D.D., Rev. L. P. Ludden, D.D., Revs. John Bright, B. F. Pugh, J. Kuhn, R. B. Wolf and Rev. W. C. Seidel, D.D.

Report of the Committee on Necrology.

A TRIBUTE TO OUR FALLEN.

We come to pay our tribute of respect to our fallen brethren. The Rev. M. J. Firey, D. D., the Rev. R. B. Whitehill and the Rev. Archibald W. Lipe.

All these brethren lived out the three score and ten years. The old oak forests are rapidly falling. They were oak because of their inherent qualities, and because they withstood the storms and blasts of the lives and gave proof of their lives.

We do not mourn that the old oak that has braved the blasts of a century should at last be felled and its timber used in the various utilities of life. These utilities have waited for all these years for the tried and toughened fiber of the old oak.

Nor can we truly mourn that these servants of God have at last been relieved from their posts of duty, where they stood for so long, and have now become a part of the blood-washed throng, and have entered into those mansions prepared for them. Heaven has waited for their added testimony to the power of Christ's redemptive work, and henceforth they belong to the company of those whose chief service is to honor and glorify the God of their salvation.

Our concern is for ourselves. Who shall fill their places? And, shall we remain faithful to the end?

Commending all who have been bereaved by these deaths to the tender mercies of our God, and praying the Lord of the harvest to help to hasten new laborers into the field, we humbly bow beneath the providence which overrules us all.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. CROMER,
C. W. SIFFERD.

Adopted by a rising vote.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

We recommend the following:

General Synod Treasury	$0.02
Synodical Treasury	.09
Home Missions	.35
Foreign Missions	.30
Church Extension	.20
Board of Education	.20
Ministerial Education	.10
Deaconess Board	.09
Pastors' Fund	.07
Home for the Aged	.05
Midland College	.10
Tabitha Home	.03
Western Seminary Endowment	.07
Total	$1.67

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. REITZEL,
H. A. OTT.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Laymen's Movement.

At the meeting of the General Synod at Richmond, Ind., the Laymen's Movement was heard, the work of the biennium endorsed and officers re-elected.

It was decided that a chairman be appointed in each Synod and be held responsible for the raising of benevolence in his district. As chairman of this district this duty falls on me.

You will, no doubt, be interested in knowing that notwithstanding the financial stringency the past two years, our church made the largest offering for benevolence in her history.

This only goes to show what the men can do when they become awakened to their duty.

The Laymen's Movement has become an established fact, a certain potent factor in our Lutheran organizations.

This movement stands for the principle that says that the Lutheran Church must cease robbing God, that she must not only pay her benevolence in full but report a liberal excess.

Our plans are very often much misunderstood. Many pastors look upon the Laymen's Movement as an additional organization in their already over-organized church, which is a mistake.

The only organization required is the appointment of a single man in a congregation who will become responsible for his church's benevolence. What we mean by this responsibility is that he will give it attention, distribute the literature that is supplied him from the General Committee from time to time and call the congregation's attention, if need be, to the condition of the church's finances.

Our plan for raising the benevolence is not a new one. It is a plan that is established in every modern business institution of the day. The plan is a system of statements to the members of the congregation, at the end of each quarter, setting forth the condition of benevolence, amount the church has been apportioned, amount paid, and soliciting a support along these lines.

This plan has proven a success in other lines of business and it will be proven a success for the Master in the channels of church work.

The Laymen's Movement asks for no obligation on the part of the church.

It supports itself.

It handles no funds.

It does not care to lay claim to any success that will accrue from its manipulations. Let others have the credit and let us do the work.

We have the names of all the churches organized in our Synod and those that are not. At the conclusion of this service the speaker wishes to meet every pastor who has no organization in his congregation to complete the arrangements, so that this coming year every church in Kansas Synod will have a Laymen's Movement.

Respectfully submitted, JESSE SWARTZ.

Adopted.

The election of Trustees for Midland College was made a special order of business for 10 o'clock, A. M., Tuesday.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. M. Lesher.

MONDAY EVENING.

OCTOBER 18, 1909, 8 P. M.

Home and Foreign Missionary services were held, Rev. A. E. Renn preaching the sermon from the text found in Mark, 16th chapter, 15th verse.

FIFTH BUSINESS SESSION.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1909, 9.15 A. M.

Synod convened regularly and was led in prayer by Rev. J. H. Fetterolf. The minutes of the fourth session were approved.

Rev. A. E. Renn, representing the Deaconess Board; Rev. F. D. Altman, D.D., the Pastors' Fund; and Rev. H. A. Ott, D.D., representing the Laymen's Movement, were heard.

At the close of Dr. Ott's address the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That our Synod learns with sincere gratitude of the action of the General Synod in authorizing the preparation of a form of organization of the men of local congregations into societies for mutual helpfulness along the lines of Christian activity, and the federation of all these organizations into a General Brotherhood for our entire church. We hail the movement as one of great promise, and pledge it our cordial co-operation and support. We heartily commend it to the men of our several congregations and recommend to them, if successful societies are not already organized, that wherever practical, they organize along the lines suggested by the General Synod's committee, and that all these various men's societies unite in the plan for a brotherhood of the entire Church.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. F. D. Altman, D.D., and adopted:

Resolved, That the President be authorized to appoint an Auditing Committee living in the vicinity of the Treasurer of the Synod, at least two weeks before the convention of the Synod, to examine the Treasurer's accounts and make report of same in connection with the Treasurer's annual report.

Report of Advisory Board of Home Missions.

The past year has been characterized with a degree of progress in our missionary enterprises which cannot otherwise than give us all deep joy. Quite a number of our missions have assumed self-support and besides one church has been organized and placed on a self-sustaining basis from the very beginning. Aid has been given during the past year to the following missions: Bunker Hill, Effingham, Garnett, Hutchinson, Kansas City Grace Church, Kansas City Memorial, Kansas City, Kan., Trinity, Oklahoma City, Ottawa, Sedalia, Wellington, Whitewater and Tulsa.

SELF-SUSTAINING POINTS.

After their present commissions expire, the congregations at Bunker Hill, Excelsior, Norcatur, Long Island and Ottawa have determined to assume self-support. The organization of St. Paul's Church at Wichita, under the direction of Rev. G. G. Clark, its pastor, and on a self-sustaining basis, as indicated in the President's report, is the most encouraging item which this committee has to offer. The field at Wichita is promising and the hope is entertained that the new church will soon be able to secure a lot and erect for itself a church home. Both people and pastor are to be congratulated over the splendid results of the past few months.

PRESENT MISSIONS.

We submit a brief presentation of the condition and the needs of our missions:

Effingham.—This mission has secured the services of Rev. E. H. Gilmer, a licentiate of this Synod, and a first-year student in the Western Seminary. The pastor and his family live at Effingham, while the pastor goes to the Seminary on Mondays and reurns on Fridays. Although he is receiving aid from the Iowa Synod in the sum of $150.00, and the congregation promises him $350.00 the income is not sufficient to sustain his family of six souls. The mission asks that they be given $150.00 the present year so that they can have the entire services of their pastor aside from the time he gives the Seminary. Heretofore he has aided in his support by conducting a photographic gallery.

Garnett.—The Garnett Mission is supplied by Rev. B. F. Pugh. They have about held their own during the past year, but owing to local debts of $800.00 and their small membership, they will have to ask the same amount, $100.00, as last year. During the year they have been able to raise $100.00 for the pay of their supply. This aid is necessary that they may hold services during the coming year.

Hutchinson.—This point for the past twenty years has been on our mission funds, and for a while there seemed to be but little hope for it; however, under the ministry of Rev. William Calvert, a new life has been infused into the church and Sunday-school, and a hopeful spirit prevails, and they are unanimous in the belief that a better day is dawning. They ask the same aid they did last year, $350.00.

Memorial, Kansas City.—The change of the location of this church has lost to them a few members, but the better location will mean new additions in the future. The attendance is being augmented constantly from their neighborhood. The Sunday school enrollment

has increased from 35 to 103. They have raised their full apportionment. Their new building has been provided for save $1,500.00, which must be credited to their former pastor, Rev. A. B. Shrader. They ask $400.00 from June, 1909.

Trinity Church, Kansas City.—Trinity Church asks the same sum as it did last year, namely $480.00.

Grace Church, Kansas City.—In harmony with its application for aid, Grace Church reduces its request for aid to $250.00 for its second year, beginning October 1, 1909, and after this year they agree to assume self-support.

Oklahoma City has called Rev. N. H. Royer, of Brookville, Ohio, who will take charge November 1st. They ask the same support as they received last year, $500.00.

Sedalia.—The situation at Sedalia remains unchanged, except that a vacancy in the pastorate confronts them. Because of the peculiar conditions which prevail there this mission needs and should receive especial care at this time. A long vacancy would prove quite serious. An appropriation of at least $375.00 should be made them and a strong man placed in the charge.

Tulsa.—This church, organized last March, has a bright future, and with proper fostering care will rapidly grow into prominence. The people are loyal and faithful but too new in this work to help themselves as yet to any great extent. They ask for $600.00 this year and in the hope that this can be reduced in the year following.

Wellington.—This mission reports progress, and just now is contemplating self-support. As they at present view it, if they need any aid it will be in a smaller sum than last year.

Whitewater.—Quite a number of removals from this charge during the past year have made it impossible for the mission to decrease its request for help this year. The charge is in a harmonious condition. They ask $100.00 for the coming year and express the hope that with the next year this amount may be decreased.

NEW POINTS.

The Campus Charge has had a fairly prosperous year. Last year it was given $120.00 from the Synodical Mission Fund to aid them in paying the interest on their parsonage on which they owe $1,500.00. This community is lifted up or depressed depending on the crop conditions. The charge started out aiming to be self-sustaining, but the burden is greater than they can bear. They ask the modest sum of $125.00 for the support of the pastor during the ensuing year. At present the charge is without a pastor.

Beloit.—The church at Beloit becomes vacant November 1st by the resignation of Rev. J. H. Utesch. The charge pays a salary of $500.00, which is insufficient for a man to live upon. The charge asks that $100.00 be given them for the ensuing year for the support of a pastor.

NEW SYNODICAL MISSIONS.

The success of our Synodical home mission efforts makes it imperative that we follow up this good work with a successive series of efforts by taking up new points. To this end we recommend that a special apportionment for synodical home missions of 13 cents per member be levied and that a special Synodical Home Mission Day be appointed by the President of Synod, and that he be instructed by special communications to call the attention of our churches to this day and make a strong effort to raise this apportionment at an early date so that this new work may be opened at once. Your Committe recommends that the Synod in adopting this report recommend to our Home Mission Board that the sums asked for be allowed.

In conclusion, your Committee points with pride to the encouraging fact that during the past year this Synod has exceeded its apportionment for Home Missions by over $200.00. We trust this record will be maintained and that during coming November every charge will observe Luther Day and take up offerings for the cause of Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. OTT,
GEO. S. MURPHY,
I. B. HEISEY.

Considered *seriatim*.

Adopted.

Trustees to Midland College.

The following Trustees to Midland College were elected:

Mr. C. J. Eriksen, three years.

Under pending resolution of College Board:

Rev. E. E. Stauffer, three years.

Rev. H. A. Ott, D. D., two years.

Mr. John A. Weible, one year.

Report of Committee on Vacancies.

Your Committee respectfully reports that there are nine vacancies: Abilene, Beloit, Campus, Orion, Emporia, Delphos, Greenleaf and Barnes, Minneapolis, New Cambria and Sedalia.

Most of these pastorates are supplied with preaching and are trying to secure regular pastors. We are glad to know that the Western Theological Seminary is sending out men to do this work. We recommend these vacancies to the President of Synod and the officers of the Conferences in whose bounds they are located.

We also urge the Western representatives of our Boards and the President of Synod to look after our unused churches:

St. John's, near Vineland, Douglas County; St. Paul's, near Morrell, Brown County; St. James, near Abilene, Dickinson County; St. Paul's, near New Cambria, Salina County, all of Kansas.

Respectfully submitted, B. F. PUGH,
I. B. HEISEY,
JACOB BOWERS.

Adopted.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. F. D. Altman, D.D.

SIXTH BUSINESS SESSION.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1909, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Mr. H. F. Riser.

Report of Committee on Lutheran Bible Conference.

The undersigned, appointed to represent this Synod on the Executive Committee of the Lutheran Bible Conference, reports that such Conference was held at Rock River Assembly grounds in Illinois, and was a gratifying success.

It was recommended that the relations between the Conference and this Synod be continued, and that a representative of this Synod be appointed a member of the Executive Committee, to act, but not incurring any financial obligations on the part of this Synod.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Admission of New Churches.

Your Committee has received applications from the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Tulsa, Okla., and St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Wichita, Kan., through their respective pastors and commissioners for admission to membership in this Synod. We have examined the Constitutions and papers of both organizations and find them in harmony with the requirements of this Synod and the General Synod.

We recommend their reception to membership in this Synod.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE BEISWANGER,
J. A. M. ZEIGLER,
W. W. HORN.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

1. *Resolved,* That we express our gratitude for the privilege of meeting in our Forty-second Annual Synodical Convention with the pastor and people of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kansas City, Mo., and that we most heartily thank them for their kind hospitality, the choir for their soul-uplifting and beautiful music, and all who in any way may have contributed to make our Convention so enjoyable and profitable.

2. *Resolved,* That we have heard with pleasure and profit the representatives of the several Boards of the General Synod, and that we rejoice in the success these different departments have attained, and that we hereby pledge anew our loyalty and support.

3. *Resolved,* That we invite the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society to publish the account of their proceedings with our Minutes, and that there be at least 1,200 copies printed.

4. *Resolved,* that $10.00 be paid the sexton of this church for his services during the sessions of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. KUHN,
S. M. LESHER.

Adopted.

Election of Statistical Secretary.

Rev. George Beiswanger was elected Statistical Secretary to succeed Rev. B. R. Lantz.

Report of Committee on Western Seminary.

By the adoption of a resolution at the meeting of Synod last year the committee known as the Committee on Literary and Theological Institutions was changed to the Committee on Western Theological Seminary.

The Western Seminary graduated three young men last May and has enrolled seven students this semester up to date. They are a fine company of young men and are doing excellent work.

Dr. J. L. Neve, the Dean of the German department, has resigned his position and accepted the chair of German and Symbolics in the Theological department of Wittenberg College. The German Seminary Board decided to send their under-graduates to Springfield, Ohio, and secure their supply of students in the future from Springfield, and Breklum, Germany. The election of a successor to Dr. Neve was left to the discretion of the German Synods, whose action is not yet reported.

The probability is that the German department will be discontinued. Steps are being taken to consolidate the Seminary with Midland College, and this union may be effected in due time.

Synod has paid $818.56 on its pledge towards the endowment of the fund of the Seminary. The remainder of the $1,500.00 will be due in another year; $70.00 was paid on the pledges made for furnishing a room in the Seminary building.

We recommend that the apportionment for the coming year be seven cents, the same as last year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. STAUFFER,
A. B. SHRADER,
OTTO MODEER.

Adopted.

Report of the Tabitha Home Trustees.

Your Trustees of Tabitha Home regret exceedingly that they are not able to present a more encouraging report of that institution. Its charitable work has been prosecuted during the last year under great disadvantages. The indebtedness of the Home is about $47,000, an increase over the amount reported last year. The income from all sources has been insufficient to cover current expenses and liquidate pressing claims against the institution. The General Synod has increased the apportionment to three cents, but this will not be adequate to provide for the immediate financial necessities. Your trustees expect a call to an early special meeting of the Board of Trustees when plans will be adopted for the reduction of the debt.

At present the Home is caring for 22 old folks and 12 orphans. Five of the inmates of the Old Folks' department are confined to the hospital on account of illness. The children are going to school in Lincoln. Their health is good.

The only hospital in the General Synod is connected with Tabitha Home. This feature of our work has not measured up to expectations. Despite that fact we confidently expect this department to become the principle one of our institution. A new chief-of-staff has been appointed. Dr. Stevens has the confidence of the citizens and physicians of Lincoln, and has rallied again to the medical staff physicians who had lost interest and become discouraged. There are at present fourteen patients in the hospital. Rev. G. F. F. Mueller has resigned as Superintendent of the Home and has been succeeded by Rev. M. Koolen. He has taken hold of the work with commendable zeal. We earnestly commend him to the pastors of the Kansas Synod. We urge you to open your churches to him if he wants to present Tabitha's interest to your people and co-operate

with your Trustees in their future efforts to make Tabitha Home what it should be; the kind of institution we need in this western territory.

Respectfully submitted, B. R. LANTZ.
H. L. YARGER.

Adopted.

Election of Trustees for Tabitha Home.

Rev. B. R. Lantz and Rev. H. L. Yarger, D.D., were elected.

Tabitha Home Resolution.

Inasmuch as a number of important matters in reference to the administration of the Tabitha Home have been decided without giving our representatives a notice or voice in the same, therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod that greater care shall be exercised in the future to see that our representatives be informed in due time of all meetings of the Board and of such committees of which our representatives are members; and that the attention of the Secretary of the Board be called to this resolution.

Adopted.

Report of Trustees to Nachusa Orphanage.

Five years of helpful service have given this Home for children a place in the heart of the Church. Nachusa is an ideal location: good health has been one of the marked blessings of the Home. There are now 22 children—13 boys and 9 girls—being cared for. The only reason the number is not twice that is because we have no room for more. Rev. C. E. Wirick is the Superintendent, giving all his time to the work, ably assisted by his capable wife. The boys do all the farm and garden work. Most of the provision needed in the Home is raised on the farm; careful attention is being given to poultry raising. All the children go to school, and one graduated from the eighth grade with the highest honors. Religious training is carefully attended to. We are trying to do the best we can for those who are committed to our care. It is a real home to the homeless. The effort is now being made to raise the money for an addition to the house; about $2,000.00 has already been secured. A bequest of $500.00 from the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Lempke, godly German people of Russell County, Kansas, has recently been received. We learn that others have remembered the Home in their wills. This is right. The policy of the Board of Managers is to live within

the means placed at their disposal. There is no debt and we hope there will be none. Eighteen hundred dollars was expended last year.

1. We recommend that the Children's Day offering be devoted to Nachusa Orphanage.

2. That the effort to secure money for the additional building be recommended to our people.

Respectfully submitted, A. B. SHRADER,
E. E. STAUFFER.

Adopted.

Election of Trustee for Nachusa Orphanage.

Rev. A. E. Renn was elected Trustee for Nachusa Orphanage for two years, his term ending 1911.

Report of Delegates to the General Synod.

It is with supreme pleasure and gratitude to Almighty God that your delegates bring to you the report of the Forty-second Convention of the General Synod, held in Richmond, Ind., June 2-10, 1909.

In the providence of God the lives of all those elected from this Synod were spared, and there was a complete delegation present at the meeting. Only one of the principals, Mr. Jesse Swartz, was not able to attend; his place being taken by Mr. Louis T. Bang.

There was an earnest and deep interest in all of the business affairs that came before the Synod.

The opening meeting was held in the Richmond Coliseum on Wednesday evening, Rev. S. W. Owen, D.D., the retiring President, preaching the sermon, upon the theme, "The Comprehensiveness of the Doctrine of Christ Crucified." On the following morning Synod was organized, electing Rev. Harlan K. Fenner, D.D., of Louisville, Ky., President; Rev. Frank P. Manhart, D.D., of Selinsgrove, Pa., Secretary, and Mr. George H. Knollenberg, of Richmond, Ind., Treasurer.

A splendid feeling of harmony prevailed throughout the entire convention, and the discussions pertaining to the internal affairs of the Synod and its relation to other bodies, showed that it was becoming more careful and precise in preserving our sound Doctrinal Basis.

The reports of the various Boards of the Church showed an encouraging increase in every branch of the work. The general summary showed an increase of 32,239 baptized members, 20,935 confirmed members and 15,029 Sunday-school scholars, and offerings for all purposes amounting to $532,766.33.

An increase of Apportionment was asked for and granted for each year of the biennium, as follows: Home Missions 5 cents, Foreign Missions 5 cents, Deaconess Board 1 cent, and Tabitha Home 1 cent.

This Synod was apportioned for each year of the biennium as follows:

Foreign Missions	$1,077.60
Home Missions	1,257.20
Church Extension	718.40
Board of Education	718.40
Pastors' Fund	251.44
General Synod	71.84
Deaconess Board	323.28
Home for Aged	179.60
Tabitha Home	107.76

The report of the Board of Home Missions was very encouraging. It showed that there was an increase in the offerings, over the preceding biennium, of $26,706.00 making an increase of $53,238.76 for the last four years. This increase was in a measure due to the gifts of persons who are kindly disposed to the work of Home Missions. The total amount received from the Synods, $110,262.38, was an increase of $13,884.38 over the preceding biennium. There was an increase of 42 new missions over the preceding two years, and 28 became self-sustaining. In the matter of Benevolence the gains have been most satisfactory, aggregating the splendid sum of $34,789.44, a gain of $3,531.89. In contributions for all purposes there was an increase from $481,712.07 to $571,557.75, a gain of $89,845.68.

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions showed a very hopeful increase in all lines of the work, both in India and Africa. There are 12 regularly ordained missionaries, 12 women missionaries and 8 missionaries' wives, besides 16 assistants in the fields at the present time; and there has only been one case of breakdown in the last two years. This is an unusual record for our missionaries in the Foreign field and is a source of great gratification to the whole Church.

During the last two years there was an increase in the receipts of the Board of Church Extension of $26,012.70. The Board greatly feels the need of the overdue loans being returned to its treasury, and insists that the congregations be more prompt in this respect. The total receipts of the Board for the last two years were $201,505.49. Thirty-nine congregations were aided by loans, and donations were made to 263 during that time. A fund for building churches in Canada, known as the Canada Fund, has been launched.

The Board of Education has been aiding nine institutions during the last two years, instead of four as previously. This was made possible by the increase of apportionment. The arrangement of this Board with Breklum Seminary, Germany, according to the instruction of the General Synod two years ago, has proven wise and helpful to the Church in this country. The Board said in its report that it felt that the time had now come for giving Western Theological Seminary at Atchison, Kan., a permanent form of government, either as a department of Midland College or as a separate corporation with its own Board of Directors. This is a matter in which our Synod is particularly interested, the Seminary being on our territory. The Committee on the Million Dollar Fund for Education reported that from June, 1903, to June, 1908, $1,077,350.00 had been contributed for the various phases of the work in our eight General Synod Lutheran Educational Institutions.

The publication of the Lutheran Church Work has proven a success in every way, except financially. The work of the Publication Committee was highly commended, but on account of its being a new publication it lacked $1,647.50 of being self-sustaining. The Board of Publication was instructed to pay the full amount of the deficit out of its own treasury. The Synod gave its most hearty endorsement of the magazine and laid it upon the hearts of the people with the earnest request that they would give it their loyal support.

It was pleasing to note that our Sunday school Committee was keeping abreast the best thought and effort of the times in the preparation of a complete graded system of lessons. A Lutheran Training Manual of four small compact books will be issued, the first of which will be off the press this fall.

The committee appointed at the previous meeting of the General Synod to report at this meeting on the resolution on the Divorce Question printed on page 63 of the minutes of that meeting, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That after the pastor and other members of the Church Council have carefully examined the person or persons applying for Church membership, as to their present fitness to be received into the congregation, and have prayerfully considered said application in its relation to their own church and the Church in general, and have unanimously agreed that under present circumstances they are justified before God to grant such privilege, then persons who have been divorced for reasons other than those mentioned in the report of the Committee on Marriage and Divorce, and were subsequently remarried may be admitted into our churches, but not before.

During the past year differences arose between our Home Mission

Board and the English Secretary of the General Council Board of Home Missions concerning the planting of churches in Canada by the General Synod, which was interpreted by the General Council as a violation of the compact made by the General Synod, General Council and the General Synod South, concerning the planting of churches in localities where one of the three bodies had already begun work and was able to take care of our Lutheran material there. The matter was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Co-operation with other religious bodies, with the instruction that, if the General Council did not accept our interpretation of the compact they should call a meeting of the committee representing the three bodies for a satisfactory interpretation of the agreement, and in case this could not be accomplished to form a new rule for co-operation.

On account of reflections cast upon the Doctrinal Basis of the General Synod by a theses read at the meeting of the General Council held in Buffalo, N. Y., September 12 to 25, 1907, on the "Relation of the General Council to the General Synod," a set of declarations, relative to our Doctrinal Basis was presented by Rev. L. S. Keyser, D.D., who was our delegate to that Synod, and adopted.

The organization of Men's Societies was strongly emphasized. At a special meeting held by the Laymen's Movement the report showed that it was accomplishing the purpose for which it was instituted, namely, the raising of the full amount of the apportionment. There was some confusion concerning the province of these two organizations. Some thought that they were conflicting, but it was clearly shown that they were not; the former having for its object the advancement of the work of the Church in general, and the latter the raising of the full amount of the apportionment.

The Synod reaffirmed its position on the Temperance Question by adopting a set of strong resolutions opposing the drink habit and traffic, the signing of applications for license and renting of any property by church members for the sale of intoxicating liquors, submitted by the Temperance Committee, and ordering 20,000 of them printed for free distribution.

The Common Service Committee was instructed to publish the Service consecutively in the Book of Worship, omitting all of the alternate forms of the service, and publishing them immediately after the Matins. This Committee was also instructed to codify the several resolutions and statements explanatory of the Doctrinal Basis of the General Synod, adopted at York, Pa., 1865; Hagerstown, Md., 1885; Des Moines, Iowa, 1901, and at the present session

of the Synod, and to incorporate the substance of the same into one clear and definite statement of our Doctrinal Basis and report the same at the next meeting of the General Synod, with a view of placing it in the Constitution of the General Synod, by amendment in the manner prescribed by the Constitution itself, there being no intention in this action, in any way, to change our present Doctrinal Basis.

Resolutions were presented by the delegation from California Synod concerning the necessity for a Theological school on the Pacific Coast, and steps were taken toward the establishment of such a school there.

The work of the Rescue League, a new organization composed of pastors and laymen of the General Synod, with headquarters at Chicago, and having for its purpose the combating of the so-called White Slave trade, was presented by Rev. V. A. M. Mortensen and endorsed by the Synod; a committee was appointed for the purpose of securing State and National legislation to promote the noble purpose of the League.

Fraternal delegates from the German Reformed Church, the General Synod South and the General Council were present, and in their addresses expressed the most kindly feelings of those bodies toward our Church and Synod.

The Synod provided for sleeping car accommodations in addition to the mileage allowed delegates to the General Synod in the future. It is also provided that the mileage and other allowances shall not be paid before the final adjournment of the Synod, unless the delegate be excused by the Committee on Leave of Absence.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was inspiring, and the Publication Committee was instructed to print as many copies as the pastors of our churches want for free distribution among their congregation.

An amendment to Art. 5, Section 2 of the Constitution of the General Synod was proposed, providing for holding the meetings of the Synod every three years, instead of every two; also that Art. 2, Section 1, be changed so that each Evangelical Lutheran Synod, of the General Synod, may send one delegate for every ten ministers it contains, and for a remaining major fraction of that number, of the rank of an ordained minister, and an equal number of laymen.

A special resolution was passed requesting all district Synods to insist on a continued attendance of all of their delegates at the sessions of the Synod, unless a valid excuse be presented to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

The next meeting of the General Synod will be held in the Luther Place Memorial Church, Washington, D. C., on the first Wednesday after Whitsunday, 1911.

Respectfully submitted,

G. G. CLARK,
F. D. ALTMAN,
H. A. OTT,
E. E. STAUFFER,
JOHN BRIGHT,
LOUIS T. BANG.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Correspondence.

Letters have been received from the Rev. H. Zimmerman, Nebraska City, Neb., enclosing $5.00, and from the Rev. Samuel Palmer, Lawrence, Kan., with check for $1.00. As no advice accompanies as to the disposition of these amounts other than that they shall "be applied where they will do the most good" we recommend that these sums be placed to the credit of the Synodical treasury.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska through its Secretary requests co-operation and endorsement of the following Memorial to the General Synod:

Resolved, That in view of our many vacancies, and new and promising fields constantly opening which should be occupied at once; and in view of the fact that we cannot secure men qualified to fill these places, that we memorialize the General Synod to institute a System of Lay Preachers, especially to meet this emergency in our Western Synods; and that the General Synod formulate such Rules and Regulations as may be necessary to safeguard this new departure.

Resolved, That the Kansas, Iowa, and Rock Mountain Synods be requested to co-operate.

We recommend the endorsement of this Memorial and that the Secretary of the Nebraska Synod be at once notified of our official action.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. SIFFERD,
J. H. FETTEROLF,
H. F. RIZER.

Report of Historical Committee.

Your Committee report that the balance due the Committee on the Publication of the History of Kansas Synod, as indicated in the report one year ago has been decreased, by money in hand, from

$237.46 to about $200.00. In May the Chairman sent a request to all pastors to make another effort to sell the books consigned to their charges. Practically nothing was done in response to the appeal. Fully one-third of all the books sold thus far have been sold by the Chairman of the Committee.

Your Committee recommends that one more effort be made to dispose of the balance of the books in the respective charges, and that our pastors be urged to co-operate in securing such sales as will cancel the indebtedness.

(See protocol for Committee's account with the individual congregation of Synod.)

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. OTT,
E. E. STAUFFER,
R. B. WOLF,
H. L. YARGER.

Adopted.

Report of Calendar Committee.

(See Calendar.)

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. WEIST,
S. M. LESHER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Endowment of Midland College and Western Theological Seminary.

Your Committee would report that the sum of $756.03 has been paid by this Synod on its College Library Endowment Pledge. This is just a few dollars over half of the $1,500.00 to be raised. On the Seminary Endowment $818.56 has been paid. We would urge the pastors to make every attempt to meet their apportionment in full to these objects. The balance of the Seminary Fund will be due in one year and the College Fund in two years.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. STAUFFER,
I. B. HEISEY,
F. D. ALTMAN.

Adopted.

Election of Members of Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Rev. H. A. Ott, D.D., was elected to succeed himself for a term of three years; time expires 1912.

Election of Trustees of Synod.

Rev. George S. Murphy, Rev. G. G. Clark, Mr. E. J. Wolf, Rev. W. W. Horn and Rev. E. E. Stauffer were elected.

Place of Next Meeting.

The English Lutheran Congregation, of Lawrence, Kan., Rev. E. E. Stauffer, pastor, extended an invitation to Synod to hold its next Annual Convention in their church, which was accepted. The time of meeting will be October 14-18, 1910.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

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Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. BRIGHT,
J. M. CROMER,
C. P. JOHNSON.

Adopted.

Reconsideration of the Report of the Historical Committee.

By motion this report was reconsidered and the Secretary was instructed to omit from the printed minutes the list of books sent and sold to the various congregations of the Synod. (See the Protocol for itemized statement.)

Resoluton.

The following resolution was passed by Synod:

Resolved, That the President of Synod be instructed to write to those on our roll who have engaged in secular business and call their attention to the action of the General Synod on that point.

Report of Committee on Parochial Report.

(See Appendix.)

Respectfully submitted,

B. R. LANTZ,
J. H. UTESCH,
OTTO CROY.

Adopted.

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The President read the list of committees.

The minutes of the Convention were read and approved.

The Synod sang, "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again."

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. B. F. Pugh, and the President declared the Forty-second Annual Convention of the Synod closed.

G. G. CLARK,
Secretary.

Election of Trustees of Synod.

Rev. George S. Murphy, Rev. G. G. Clark, Mr. E. J. Wolf, Rev. W. W. Horn and Rev. E. E. Stauffer were elected.

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Secretary.

MINISTERIUM.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1909, 4 P. M.

The Ministerium was opened with prayer by Rev. C. W. Sifferd, D.D.

The report of the Examining Committee was read.

Report of Examining Committee.

Your Committee report that four brethren have appeared before them and have been examined with some degree of thoroughness. We have to recommend the following:

1. That Mr. Paul H. Heisey, a member of the Senior Class of Western Theological Seminary, be granted license for one year.

2. That Mr. William Calvert be licensed for one year and that he be required to pursue further studies under the direction of the Committee.

3. That Mr. L. W. Doud be licensed for one year. Inasmuch as he has accepted a call from a congregation in the Synod of Nebraska and asks license from this Synod because of special circumstances, we deem it wise to say that the action of this body is with the consent of the sister Synod, the matter having been referred to them in advance. We recommend that he be required to pursue further studies under the direction of the proper authorities of the Nebraska Synod.

4. Mr. E. H. Gilmer asks licensure from this Synod, which the Committee will recommend. He has taken charge of the vacant congregation at Effingham, and in connection with his work there is pursuing work in the Western Theological Seminary. We do not wish that this action be established as a precedent for granting license to men who have but begun their theological course, but in view of the special circumstances in which the candidate is placed, we make this exception, and require that he continue his studies during the year and be required to pass such additional examination as the Committee may require a year hence.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HOWARD STOUGH,
R. B. WOLF,
GEO. BEISWANGER,
H. A. OTT,
J. C. SCHINDEL.

With this report pending the Ministerium adjourned to meet after the evening service. At 10 o'clock, P. M., the Ministerium resumed its adjourned session, being opened with prayer by the Rev. Josiah Kuhn. The report of the Examining Committee was again taken up and considered *seriatim* and then adopted as a whole.

The minutes were approved and the Ministerium adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. E. Stauffer.

GEORGE G. CLARK,
Secretary.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

KANSAS CITY, MO.,

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1909, 7 P. M.

The Trustees of Synod held a meeting at which time the officers of the Synod were elected officers of the Board of Trustees.

The following brethren were qualified: Rev. George S. Murphy, Rev. G. G. Clark, Rev. E. E. Stauffer, Rev. W. W. Horn and Mr. E. J. Wolf.

The secretary was instructed to execute the Treasurer's bond.

Adjourned.

GEORGE G. CLARK,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.—Report of the Treasurer

Place.	Congregation.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.
Abilene	Trinity	$4 00	$18 00	$62 00	$52 00	$80 00	$40 00	$14 00	$10 00
Atchison	St. Mark's	3 50	15 00	54 00	41 00	73 00	43 00	11 00	8 00
Beloit	Zion	2 00	2 00	6 00	6 12	18 72	10 14	3 72	7 05
Bunker Hill	Mount Zion	1 00	3 00	9 00	7 00	6 00	6 00	2 00	7 18
Bunker Hill	Excelsior	1 00	3 00	10 00	9 00	7 00	7 00	2 00	10 30
Campus	Evangelical Lutheran	2 00	2 00	4 00	4 00	7 00	3 00	1	50
Campus	Orion	50	50	3 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	50
Chapman	Scherer Memorial	1 00	3 00	12 00	10 00	8 00	8 00	3 00	3 00
Chapman	Ebenezer	1 00	3 00	9 00	8 00	6 00	6 00	2 00	1 00
Effingham	(Valley Falls) St. Paul's	1 00	4 00	13 00	11 00	9 00	9 00	3 00	2 00
Effingham	First Church	1 00	4 00	5 00	5 00				
Emporia	St. Mark's	2 00	11 00	36 00	30 00	24 00	24 00	8 00	6 00
Eureka	Christ's	1 00	4 00	28 00	22 00	20 00	10 00	3 00	2 00
Garnett	St. Paul's	50	1 50	6 00	5 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	1 00
Greenleaf	St. Paul's	1 05	1 00	11 00	10 00	5 00	6 00	5 00	5 00
Greenleaf	Trinity								
Hays City	Trinity	2 00	7 00	30 00	20 00	16 00	16 00	6 00	4 00
Hutchinson	Zion	1 00	3 00	11 00	9 00	8 00	8 00	3 00	4 70
Kansas City, Mo	First	3 00	14 50	59 00	34 07	38 00	15 00	11 00	9 50
Kansas City, Mo	Grace Church	2 00	8 00	15 00	10 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Kansas City, Mo	Children's Memorial	1 00	6 00	20 00	17 00	14 00	14 00	5 00	3 00
Kansas City, Kan	Trinity		2 00	14 00	8 00	10 00	10 00	3 00	3 00
Lawrence, Kan	English Lutheran	3 00	15 00	59 34	51 34	33 00	40 74	12 00	8 00
Lancaster	St. John's								
Minneapolis	St. John's								2 75
Minneapolis	St. Paul's			1 55	1 75	2 90	4 30		
Moray	Evangelical Lutheran	3 00	10 00	33 00	28 00	22 00	25 00	8 00	16 00
New Cambria	St. John's	1 00	3 00	22 00	19 00		5 00	1 00	4 20
Norcatur	St Mark's	1 00	4 00	14 00	12 00	9 00	10 00	3 00	3 00
Norcatur	St. Paul's		2 00	5 00	3 20	4 00	3 00	1 00	2 00
Oklahoma City, Okla	First Church	1 00	6 00	21 00	18 00	14 00	14 00	5 00	3 00
Ottawa, Kan	St. Paul's	1 00	6 00	23 00	19 00	16 00	16 00	5 00	7 00
Penbody	St. Paul's	3 00	21 15	56 00	*76 00	37 00	37 00	13 00	9 00
Perth	St. James'	1 00	6 00	24 00	19 00	14 00	14 00	5 00	3 00
Salina	St. John's	9 00	27 66	88 00	67 00	54 00	54 00	19 00	13 00
Sedalia	Trinity	1 00	6 00	20 00	16 00	13 00	13 00	5 00	3 00
St. Joseph	First English	6 00	27 00	103 00	85 00	70 00	70 00	25 00	25 00
Topeka	First English	3 00	15 00	48 00	40 00	32 00	32 00	11 00	8 00
Waterville	Evangelical	4 00	17 00	37 00	25 00	12 30	17 10	9 70	4 00
Waterville	Hebron	1 00	3 00	9 25	7 00	6 00	6 00	2 00	1 00
Waterville	English Evan. Lutheran	1 00	3 00	12 60	10 00	10 00	10 00	2 00	1 00
Wellington	St. John's	1 00	7 00	23 50	20 50	16 00	16 00	6 00	4 00
Whitewater	Zion	1 00	6 00	219 00	†38 95	13 00	13 00	5 00	5 87
Personal Contributions									
Rev. S. Henry, in 1908 and 1909			10 00						
Rev. J. T. Miller, in 1908 and 1909			10 00						
Rev. S. Palmer, in 1908 and 1909			2 00						
Totals for year ending October 15, 1909		$72 55	$322 31	$1236 24	$877 93	$749 92	$645 28	$230	$215 55
Balance on hand from last year		68 80	20 81	373 15	654 19	151 99	167 51	43	135 78
Grand Totals		$141 35	$343 12	$1609 39	$1532 12	$901 91	$812 79	$274	$351 33
Disbursements		116 50	480 86	1562 78	1461 98	821 79	523 23	191	260 78
Balance on hand, October 15, 1909		$24 85	‡137 74	$46 61	$70 14	$80 12	$289 56	$82	$90 55

* Includes annual contribution of $30.00 by J. E. Tressler for support of protege No. 60, India.
† $200.00 special contribution by Father Hanstine for Home Missions. Also $30.00 by G. B. Hanst
for protege No. 618 for Foreign Missions.

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of Kansas Synod, October 16th, 1909.

Orphans' Home.	Ministerial Education.	Synodical Missions.	Deaconess Board.	Home for Aged.	College.	Western Seminary Endowment Fund.	Tabitha Home.	Total.	Apportionment.	Deficit.	Excess.
$10 00	$14 00	.....	$17 00	$10 00	$21 00	$6 69	$4 00	$352 69	$320 00	.....	$32 69
8 00	13 58	.....	13 00	8 00	16 00	11 00	3 00	313 38	250 00	.....	63 38
7 05	3 75	.....	3 75	3 75	.....	.....	10 55	77 77	108 00	$30 23	.....
7 18	2 00	.....	2 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	52 18	42 00	.....	10 18
10 30	2 00	.....	3 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	62 30	54 00	.....	8 30
50	1 00	.....	1 00	75	.....	.....	50	26 25	69 00	42 75	.....
50	50	.....	1 00	50	.....	.....	50	15 00	48 00	33 00	.....
3 00	3 00	3 46	3 00	2 00	.....	3 00	.....	63 46	63 00	.....	46
1 00	2 00	.....	2 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	47 00	47 00	.....	.....
2 00	3 00	.....	3 00	2 00	4 00	3 00	1 00	68 00	68 00	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	87 00	72 00	.....
6 00	8 00	.....	9 00	6 00	12 00	8 00	2 00	186 00	176 00	.....	10 00
2 00	3 00	.....	4 00	2 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	108 00	75 00	.....	33 00
1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	.....	29 00	29 00	.....	.....
5 00	4 00	.....	3 00	3 00	.....	15 75	21 00	90 80	50 00	.....	40 80
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	86 00	86 00	.....
4 00	6 00	.....	7 00	4 00	8 00	6 00	2 00	134 00	128 00	.....	6 00
4 70	3 00	.....	.....	4 05	.....	.....	.....	55 75	61 00	5 25	.....
9 50	10 00	.....	10 00	6 00	.....	5 00	3 00	216 07	293 00	76 93	.....
5 00	5 00	.....	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....	75 00	157 00	82 00	.....
3 00	5 00	.....	5 00	3 00	7 00	5 00	1 00	106 00	106 00	.....	.....
3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	1 00	55 30	93 00	37 70	.....
8 00	12 00	.....	13 00	8 00	17 00	17 00	3 00	295 42	261 00	.....	34 42
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2 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75	4 50	.....	.....	4 50
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16 00	10 00	.....	9 00	6 00	13 00	13 80	2 00	198 80	175 00	.....	23 80
4 20	2 50	.....	6 00	4 00	.....	2 50	1 00	77 30	109 00	31 70	.....
3 00	3 00	.....	3 00	2 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	73 00	68 00	.....	5 00
2 00	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	80	1 00	.....	24 00	27 00	3 00	.....
3 00	5 00	.....	6 00	3 00	7 00	5 00	1 00	109 00	109 00	.....	.....
7 00	2 00	.....	6 00	4 00	8 00	5 00	1 00	119 00	119 00	.....	.....
9 00	13 00	.....	15 00	9 00	19 00	13 00	10 10	347 54	290 00	.....	57 54
3 00	5 00	.....	5 00	3 00	7 00	5 00	1 00	110 00	107 00	.....	3 00
13 00	20 00	.....	21 00	13 00	27 00	19 00	5 00	436 66	431 00	.....	5 66
3 00	5 00	.....	5 00	3 00	6 00	5 00	1 00	102 00	102 00	.....	.....
25 00	19 00	.....	22 00	14 00	29 00	19 00	16 00	520 00	442 00	.....	78 00
8 00	11 00	.....	13 00	8 00	16 00	11 00	1 00	251 00	251 00	.....	.....
4 00	10 00	.....	5 00	4 00	5 00	8 00	2 00	160 15	290 00	129 85	.....
1 00	2 00	.....	2 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	46 25	45 00	.....	1 25
1 00	4 95	.....	2 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	62 15	93 00	30 85	.....
4 00	6 00	.....	6 00	4 00	8 00	6 00	1 00	125 00	124 00	.....	1 00
5 87	5 00	.....	5 00	3 00	6 00	5 00	1 00	326 82	100 00	.....	226 82
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$215 55	$226 28	$3 46	$234 25	$153 55	$264 80	$217 74	$103 90	$5548 04	$5614 00	$722 26	$678 30
135 78	100 59	226 00	205 78	136 24	261 69	230 04	108 96	2885 08	‡65 96	.....	‡43 96
$351 33	$326 87	$229 46	$440 03	$289 79	$526 49	$447 78	$212 86	$8433 12	.....	.....	.....
260 78	300 75	286 85	273 84	176 24	260 00	230 04	185 16	7132 35	.....	.....	.....
$90 55	$26 12	‡57 39	$166 19	$113 55	$266 49	$217 74	$27 70	$1300 77	.....	.....	.....

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Respectfully submitted,
J. E. Tressler, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX B.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS SYNOD.

PAROCHIAL.

Pastors.	Pastorates.	Congregations, Names of.	Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses. Death.	Losses. Certificate.	Losses. Other Losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Accessions. Adult Baptisms.	Accessions. Confirmations.	Accessions. Certificate.	Accessions. Restoration.	Communicant Members.	Confirmed Members.	Baptized Members.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Finances. Indebtedness.	Finances. Regular Local Expenses.	Finances. Unusual Local Expenses.	Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
Fuller Bergstresser	Abilene	Trinity	1	..	2	..	18	4	7	7	4	4	6	..	10	210	270	310	$27000 00	$2000 00	$2730 20	$667 00	
A. E. Renn	Atchison	St. Mark's	1	..	2	1	7	1	8	4	9	3	7	7	..	169	204	225	25000 00	5000 00	1725 00	4500 00	
J. H. Utesch	Beloit	Zion	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	13	2	4	..	2	82	141	179	6000 00	..	648 64	41 35	
Josiah Kuhn	Bunker Hill	Mount Zion	1	..	2	..	17	..	..	..	1	..	8	4	4	47	54	60	3300 00	400 00	335 00	85 00	
		Excelsior	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	..	3	41	46	58	3000 00	..	360 00	1650 00	
Jno. A. Bright, Supply	Campus	Campus	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	1	..	..	..	..	35	41	47	3000 00	1800 00	200 00	195 00	
		Orion	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	26	33	40	25 00	165 00	160 00	..	
H. H. Hall	Chapman	Scherer Memorial	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	37	37	2500 00	300 00	300 00	..	
		Ebenezer	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	34	34	34	1500 00	..	250 00	..	
	Delphos	St. John's	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
E. H. Gilmer	Effingham	First	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	51	..	60	2000 00	..	156 00	20 00	
	Emporia	St. Mark's Ev. Luth	1	..	2	..	15	2	14	20	6	2	5	3	8	101	138	174	15000 00	340 00	1158 31	50 00	
Oliver Maewilliams	Eureka	Christ's	1	..	1	..	23	..	..	..	..	4	1	1	1	51	68	83	7500 00	150 00	800 00	..	
	Greenleaf		1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	Washington Co.		1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
B. F. Pugh	Garnett	St. Paul's	1	1	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	5200 00	1025 00	79 00	137 50	
Charles Fisher Wiest	Hays	Trinity	1	..	2	..	12	1	6	10	10	8	8	4	1	86	128	154	12000 00	300 00	1075 99	380 00	
William Calvert	Hutchinson	Zion	1	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	1	1	1	6	3	47	..	59	9000 00	1500 00	600 00	..	
	James, near Abilene	St. James'	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
James C. Schindel	Kansas City, Mo.	First English Luth.	1	..	2	2	28	4	3	3	10	3	18	14	..	149	243	357	75000 00	700 00	3425 00	..	
J. M. Cromer	Kansas City, Mo.	Grace	1	..	2	..	10	1	3	6	5	2	8	5	..	105	125	140	10000 00	4500 00	1350 00	..	
George Beiswanger	Kansas City, Mo.	Children's Memorial	1	..	1	1	9	1	1	18	5	3	..	4	..	56	116	138	8000 00	1500 00	1108 28	6000 00	
R. B. Wolf	Kansas City, Kans.	Trinity	1	..	1	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	50	89	132	10000 00	2250 00	831 25	..	
E. E. Stauffer	Lawrence	English Lutheran	1	..	2	..	18	1	3	11	3	2	12	1	7	175	205	255	12000 00	1700 00	1577 00	..	
Carl Krueger	Lancaster	St. John's	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	42	..	..	..	..	..	
F. D. Altman	Moray	Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	..	..	7	1	1	1	6	2	6	1	..	118	128	166	3200 00	..	533 00	..	

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS SYNOD.—*Continued.*

Index Number.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					Y. P. SOCIETIES.				DUES.		BENEVOLENCE.																
	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	Number of Societies.	Members.	Contribut'ns. For Local Objects.	Contribut'ns. For Benevolence.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.	Midland College.	Western Seminary.
	1	24	250	$252 33	$76 47	2	30	$42 00	$16 00	$4 00	$18 00	$62 00	$52 00	$80 00	$40 00	$14 00	$122 93	$14 00	$10 00	$17 00	$10 00	$4 00	$77 69	$525 62	$3922 82		
	1	29	170	233 00	38 00	1	35	25 00	5 00	3 50	15 00	49 00	41 00	33 00	43 00	13 88	76 71	11 00	8 00	13 00	8 00	3 00	72 00	390 09	6615 09	$16 00	$11 00
	1	10	50	33 22	7 77	1	22	6 50	.....	2 00	2 00	6 10	6 21	18 72	10 14	3 75	8 75	3 75	7 05	3 75	3 75	10 55	64 00	150 52	840 61	.....	.....
	1	14	78	43 51	20 21	1	35	3 90	.....	1 00	3 00	9 00	7 00	6 00	6 00	2 00	11 00	2 00	7 18	2 00	1 00	1 00	10 00	68 18	488 18	.....	.....
	1	12	70	62 00	15 00	1	13	2 35	.....	1 00	3 00	10 00	9 00	7 00	7 00	2 00	.....	2 00	10 50	3 00	2 00	1 00	6 50	64 00	2074 00	.....	.....
	1	11	55	41 50	2 50	1	30	25 00	.....	2 00	2 00	4 00	4 00	7 00	3 00	1 00	50	50	50	50	75	50	.....	26 25	421 25	.....	.....
										50	50	3 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	50	50	1 00	50	50	50	50	.....	15 00	175 00	.....	.....
	1	10	70	15 00	.....	1	10	.....	.....	1 00	3 00	12 00	10 00	8 00	8 00	3 00	.....	3 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	7 00	63 00	363 00	.....	.....
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	1	17	125	91 72	28 08	2	50	8 80	15 00	2 00	11 00	36 00	30 00	24 00	24 00	8 00	77 05	8 00	6 00	9 00	6 00	2 00	20 00	263 05	1471 36	12 00	8 00
	1	8	90	60 00	40 00			.....	.....	1 00	4 00	28 00	22 00	20 00	10 00	3 00	12 00	3 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	1 00	8 00	120 00	920 00	.....	.....
	1	4	25	5 00	8 00			.....	.....	50	1 50	6 00	5 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	3 00	29 00	245 50	.....	.....
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	1	10	30	35 00	15 00	1	12	2 60	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 91	123 59	723 59	.....	.....
	2	28	409	567 00	128 00	1	32	68 00	36 00	3 00	14 50	57 00	34 00	38 00	15 00	10 00	78 50	11 00	9 50	10 00	6 00	3 00	30 00	319 50	3744 50	.....	.....
	1	14	125	150 00	15 00	1	25	.....	.....	2 00	8 00	15 00	10 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	.....	5 00	5 00	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	75 00	1425 00	.....	.....
	1	15	102	94 56	48 43			.....	.....	1 00	6 00	20 00	17 00	14 00	14 00	5 00	3 50	5 00	3 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	17 10	114 60	7222 88	.....	.....
	1	9	80	72 00	.....	1	14	.....	.....	.....	2 00	14 00	8 00	10 00	10 00	.....	24 50	3 30	3 50	.....	.....	1 00	4 00	79 80	911 85	.....	.....
	1	26	235	165 00	55 00	1	25	18 00	5 00	3 00	15 00	59 00	51 00	33 00	40 00	12 00	64 00	12 00	8 00	13 00	8 00	3 00	177 00	498 00	2075 00	.....	.....
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PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS SYNOD.—*Continued.*

Pastors.	Pastorates.	Congregations, Names of.	Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Losses. Death.	Losses. Certificate.	Losses. Other Losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Accessions. Adult Baptisms.	Accessions. Confirmations.	Accessions. Certificate.	Accessions. Restoration.	Communicant Members.	Confirmed Members.	Baptized Members.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Finances. Indebtedness.	Finances. Regular Local Expenses.	Finances. Unusual Local Expenses.	Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
	New Cambria	First	1		1			3		10		7	7	2		81	98	107	$5500 00		$489 78		27
J. B. Grove	Norcatur	St. Mark's	1		1		10	1	2			4		6		52	79	94	2500 00		445 00		28
		St. Paul's	1							8	2	8	14	3		35	60	82	1200 00		225 00		29
	Oklahoma City	First	1	1	1											72	85	115	25000 00	$200 00	1600 00		30
H. M. Nicholson	Ottawa	St. Paul's	1		2		10		5	9	1			1		65	78	93	12000 00		847 72	$127 07	31
George S. Murphy	Peabody	St. Paul's	1		2		9		5	5	14	2	7	6	1	190	217	250	30000 00		1312 00	2035 00	32
J. H. Fetterolf	Perth	St. James'	1		1				2				1		1	70	78	101	3500 00		890 00		33
B. R. Lantz	St. Joseph, Mo	First	1		2		19	1	5	10	8	4	9	4	13	310	344	436	15000 00		2378 06	2500 00	34
H. A. Ott	Salina*	St. John's	1	1	2		16	6	9	20	20	7	14	24	10	290	340	440	19000 00		1985 00	1155 00	35
S. Martin Lesher	Sedalia, Mo	Trinity	1		1		3		2		1		3	1		68	117	182	9000 00	2350 00	770 00	80 00	36
W. W. Horn	Topeka	First	1	1	2		1	3	2	5	3	4	5	5	4	168	205	237	16000 00	25 00	1710 00	125 00	37
H. Dysinger, Supply	Valley Falls	St. Paul's	1					2		4	1	1	2	3		46	73	85	3000 00	1784 00	390 73		38
I. B. Heisey	Waterville	Evangelical Lutheran	1		2	1		3	3	22	6			2	2	162	235	283	7000 00	465 00	720 00	2000 00	39
		Hebron	1					1		3	2					25	72	99	2500 00		150 00		40
		English Ev. Lutheran	1	1						8						52	78	100	2500 00		120 00		41
A. M. Reitzel	Wellington	St. John's	1		1			2	1		1		3	1		80	94	110	5600 00		945 00	45 00	42
A. J. Kissell	Whitewater	Zion	1		1		8		1	2	1	5	2		2	71	94	107	3500 00		560 19	120 00	43
Totals for 1909			43	6	41	5	252	41	89	204	141	80	154	108	73	3580	4478	5629	403025 00	28454 00	34941 15	21912 92	44
Totals for 1908			44	9	34	2	340	31	96	233	186	155	180	142	116	3592	4367	5452	352050 00	24013 55	34774 82	46215 26	45
Net increase					7	3		10								12	111	177	$50975 00	$4440 47	$166 33		46
Net decrease			1	3			88		9	24	45	75	26	34	43	12						24302 34	47

* Parsonage.

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Index Number.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	Y. P. SOCIETIES. Number of Societies.	Members.	Contribut'ns. For Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	DUES. General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	BENEVOLENCE. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolences.	Grand Total.	Midland College.	Western Seminary.
27	1	10	100	$65 92	.....	1	49	$39 89	$5 00	$2 00	.....	$19 50	$10 00	$5 00	$7 50	$2 50	.....	$5 00	$2 50	.....	$5 00	$1 85	$23 45	$84 30	$574 08	.....	.....
28	1	14	86	63 50	$43 93	1	23	5 20	2 00	1 00	$4 00	14 00	12 00	9 00	10 00	3 00	$9 00	3 00	3 00	$3 00	2 00	1 00	32 00	106 00	551 00	.....	.....
29	1	10	40	8 50	4 77	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	5 00	3 20	4 00	3 00	1 00	.....	1 00	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	16 80	39 00	264 00	.....	.....
30	1	7	50	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	6 00	21 00	18 00	14 00	14 00	5 00	.....	3 00	3 00	6 00	3 00	1 00	12 00	109 00	1709 00	.....	.....
31	1	18	115	91 62	52 20	1	44	37 62	11 00	1 00	6 00	23 00	19 00	16 00	16 00	2 00	32 60	5 00	7 00	6 00	4 00	1 00	15 00	153 60	1128 39	$8 00	$5 00
32	1	17	159	265 00	46 00	1	21	135 00	.....	3 00	28 00	56 00	76 00	37 00	37 00	13 00	96 50	13 00	19 00	15 00	9 00	10 00	140 00	552 50	3649 10	19 00	13 00
33	1	13	81	48 00	18 00	1	35	8 00	.....	1 00	6 00	24 00	17 00	14 00	14 00	5 00	27 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	12 00	137 00	1027 00	.....	.....
34	1	34	267	276 62	200 25	1	24	5 30	2 00	6 00	27 00	103 00	75 00	70 00	70 00	19 00	63 60	25 00	25 00	22 00	14 00	16 00	80 35	615 95	5494 01	29 00	19 00
35	1	16	180	110 00	50 00	1	35	15 00	10 00	9 00	27 66	88 00	67 00	54 00	54 00	20 00	70 00	19 00	13 00	21 00	13 00	5 00	125 00	585 66	3725 66	.....	.....
36	1	10	65	91 90	35 00	1	10	1 20	.....	1 00	6 00	20 00	16 00	13 00	13 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	11 00	107 00	957 00	.....	.....
37	2	20	175	185 00	18 00	2	50	38 00	20 00	3 00	15 00	48 00	40 00	32 00	32 00	11 00	80 00	11 00	8 00	13 00	8 00	3 00	27 00	331 00	2166 00	16 00	11 00
38	1	12	40	25 53	23 71	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	4 00	13 00	11 00	9 00	9 00	3 00	.....	3 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	7 00	68 00	458 73	.....	.....
39	1	14	118	57 90	15 10	1	57	50 00	18 00	4 00	17 00	37 00	25 00	12 30	17 10	10 00	40 00	9 75	4 00	5 00	4 00	2 00	118 00	305 15	3025 15	.....	.....
40	1	5	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	3 00	9 25	7 00	6 00	6 00	2 00	20 95	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	67 20	217 20	.....	.....
41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	3 00	12 60	10 00	10 00	10 00	4 55	.....	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	4 00	62 15	182 15	.....	.....
42	1	11	70	27 50	20 00	1	30	45 75	.....	1 00	7 00	23 50	20 50	16 00	16 00	6 00	.....	6 00	4 00	6 00	4 00	1 00	14 00	125 00	1115 00	8 00	6 00
43	1	12	70	42 50	20 95	1	15	3 50	.....	1 00	6 00	219 00	38 95	13 00	13 00	5 00	33 85	5 00	5 87	5 00	3 00	1 00	11 00	360 67	1040 86	.....	.....
44	39	509	3896	3542	32 1102	67	29	758	648 61	152	00	71 80	213	54	1097	73	833	19	661	98	647	58	287	97	1052	77	194	55	171	39	206	90	138	24	349	35	1993	01	7919	36	88909	44	108 00	73 00
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46	.....	.....	277	$522 07	$60 01	29	119	.....	$7 75	.....	$83 62	$105 22	$1 67	$24 04	.....	.....	$28 75	$32 75	$39 21	$19 35	$0 26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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APPENDIX C.—Report of Apportionment Committee.

Congregations.	Members.	General Synod Treasury.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Deaconess Board.	Pastors' Fund.	Home for Aged.	Midland College Endowment.	Western Seminary Endowment.	Tabitha Home.	Synodical Home Missions.	Total.
Per capita	....	.02	.09	.35	.30	.20	.20	.10	.09	.07	.05	.10	.07	.03	.13	1.80
Abilene	210	$4 20	$18 90	$73 50	$63 00	$42 00	$42 00	$21 00	$18 90	$14 70	$10 50	$21 00	$14 70	$6 30	$27 30	$378 00
Atchison	169	3 30	15 20	59 20	50 70	33 80	33 80	16 90	15 20	11 80	8 50	16 90	11 80	5 10	22 00	304 20
Beloit	82	1 60	7 20	28 70	24 60	16 40	16 40	8 20	7 20	5 70	4 10	8 20	5 70	2 50	10 70	147 20
Bunker Hill, Mount Zion	47	1 00	4 20	16 50	14 10	9 40	9 40	4 70	4 20	3 30	4 40	4 70	3 30	1 40	6 10	86 70
Bunker Hill, Excelsior	41	90	3 70	14 40	12 30	8 20	8 20	4 10	3 70	2 90	2 10	4 10	2 90	1 30	5 40	74 20
Campus, Campus	35	70	3 10	12 30	10 50	7 00	7 00	3 50	3 10	2 50	1 80	3 50	2 50	1 10	4 60	63 20
Campus, Orion	26	60	2 30	9 10	7 80	5 20	5 20	2 60	2 30	1 80	1 30	2 60	1 80	80	3 40	46 80
Chapman, Scherer Memorial	37	80	3 30	13 00	11 10	7 40	7 40	3 70	3 30	2 60	1 90	3 70	2 60	1 10	4 80	66 70
Chapman, Ebenezer	34	70	3 00	11 90	10 20	6 80	6 80	3 40	3 00	2 40	1 70	3 40	2 40	1 00	4 40	61 10
Delphos	20	40	1 80	7 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	1 80	1 40	1 00	2 00	1 40	60	2 60	36 00
Effingham	51	1 00	4 60	17 90	15 30	10 20	10 20	5 10	4 60	3 60	2 60	5 10	3 60	1 50	6 60	91 90
Emporia	101	2 00	9 10	35 40	30 30	20 20	20 20	10 10	9 10	7 10	5 10	10 10	7 10	3 10	13 20	182 10
Eureka	57	1 10	5 10	20 00	17 10	11 40	11 40	5 70	5 10	4 00	2 90	5 70	4 00	1 70	7 40	102 60
Greenleaf, Trinity	40	80	3 60	14 00	12 00	8 00	8 00	4 00	3 60	2 80	2 00	4 00	2 80	1 20	5 20	72 00
Greenleaf, Barnes, St. Paul's	34	70	3 00	11 90	10 20	6 80	6 80	3 40	3 00	2 40	1 70	3 40	2 40	1 00	4 40	61 10
Garnett	20	40	1 80	7 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	1 80	1 40	1 00	2 00	1 40	60	2 60	36 00
Hays	86	1 70	7 80	30 10	25 80	17 20	17 20	8 60	7 80	6 00	4 30	8 60	6 00	2 60	11 20	154 90
Hutchinson	47	1 00	4 20	16 50	14 10	9 40	9 40	4 70	4 20	3 30	4 40	4 70	3 30	1 40	6 10	85 70
Kansas City, First	149	2 98	13 41	52 15	44 70	29 80	29 80	14 90	13 48	10 43	7 45	14 90	10 43	4 47	19 37	268 20
Kansas City, Grace	105	2 10	9 50	36 80	31 50	21 00	21 00	10 50	9 50	7 35	5 30	10 50	7 35	3 20	13 70	189 20
Kansas City, Children's Memorial	56	1 10	5 00	19 60	16 80	11 20	11 20	5 60	5 00	3 90	2 80	5 60	3 90	1 70	7 30	100 80
Kansas City, Kan	59	1 20	5 30	20 70	17 70	11 80	11 80	5 90	5 30	4 10	3 00	5 90	4 10	1 80	7 70	106 20
Lawrence	175	3 50	15 70	61 30	52 50	35 00	35 00	17 50	15 70	12 30	8 80	17 50	12 30	5 30	22 80	315 20

Report of Apportionment Committee.—*Concluded.*

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Per capita		.02	.09	.25	.30	.20	.20	.10	.09	.07	.05	.10	.07	.03	.13	1 80
Lancaster	42	$0 90	$3 80	$14 70	$12 60	$8 40	$8 40	$4 20	$3 80	$2 90	$2 10	$4 20	$2 90	$1 30	$5 50	$75 70
Moray	118	2 40	10 60	41 30	35 40	23 60	23 60	11 80	10 60	8 30	5 90	11 80	8 30	3 50	15 30	212 40
New Cambria	81	1 60	7 30	28 40	24 30	16 20	16 20	8 10	7 30	5 70	4 10	8 10	5 70	2 40	10 50	145 90
Norcatur, St. Mark's	52	1 00	4 70	18 10	15 60	10 40	10 40	5 20	4 70	3 70	2 60	5 20	3 70	1 60	6 80	93 70
Norcatur, St. Paul's	35	70	3 10	12 30	10 50	7 50	7 50	3 50	3 10	2 50	1 80	3 50	2 50	1 10	4 60	63 20
Oklahoma City	72	1 40	6 50	25 10	21 60	14 40	14 40	7 20	6 50	5 10	3 60	7 20	5 10	2 20	9 40	129 70
Ottawa	65	1 30	5 90	22 80	19 50	13 00	13 00	6 50	5 90	4 60	3 30	6 50	4 60	2 00	8 50	117 40
Peabody	190	3 80	17 10	66 50	57 00	38 00	38 00	19 00	17 10	13 30	9 50	19 00	13 30	5 70	24 70	342 00
Perth	70	1 40	6 30	24 50	21 00	14 00	14 00	7 00	6 30	4 90	3 50	7 00	4 90	2 10	9 10	126 40
St. Joseph	310	6 20	27 90	108 50	93 00	62 00	62 00	31 00	27 90	21 70	15 50	31 00	21 70	9 30	39 30	557 00
Salina	290	5 80	26 10	101 50	87 00	58 00	58 00	29 00	26 10	20 30	14 50	29 00	20 30	8 70	37 70	522 00
Sedalia	68	1 40	6 10	23 80	20 40	13 60	13 60	6 80	6 10	4 80	3 40	6 80	4 80	2 00	8 80	122 40
Topeka	168	3 40	15 10	58 80	50 40	33 60	33 60	16 80	15 10	11 50	8 40	16 80	11 50	5 00	21 80	301 80
Tulsa	62	1 20	5 60	21 70	18 60	12 40	12 40	6 20	5 60	4 40	3 10	6 20	4 40	1 90	8 10	111 80
Valley Falls	46	1 00	4 20	16 10	13 80	9 20	9 20	4 60	4 20	3 30	2 30	4 60	3 30	1 40	6 00	83 20
Waterville, Evangelical Lutheran	162	3 20	14 60	56 70	48 60	32 40	32 40	16 20	14 60	11 40	8 10	16 20	11 40	4 90	21 10	291 80
Waterville, Hebron	25	50	2 30	8 80	7 50	5 00	5 00	2 50	2 30	1 80	1 30	2 50	1 80	80	3 30	45 40
Waterville, English Evan. Lutheran	52	1 00	4 70	18 20	15 60	10 40	10 40	5 20	4 70	3 70	2 60	5 20	3 70	1 60	6 80	93 70
Wellington	80	1 60	7 20	28 00	24 00	16 00	16 00	8 00	7 20	5 60	4 00	8 00	5 60	2 40	10 40	144 00
Whitewater	71	1 40	6 40	24 90	21 30	14 20	14 20	7 10	6 40	5 00	3 60	7 10	5 00	2 10	9 20	127 90
Wichita	50	1 00	4 50	17 50	15 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	4 50	3 50	2 50	5 00	3 50	1 50	6 50	90 00

Respectfully submitted,

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Northeast Conference.

Atchison	1885
Beloit	1908
East Norway	1881
Effingham	1893
Hebron	1879
Kansas City (First Church)	1884
Kansas City (Memorial)	1884
Kansas City, Kan.	1904
Lawrence	1886
Leavenworth	1892
Moray	1881
Norcatur	1909
Ottawa	1885
Sedalia	1907
St. Joseph	1905
Topeka	1880
Waterville	1879

Southwest Conference.

Abilene	1880
Emporia	1885
Eureka	1898
Hutchinson	1889
Minneapolis	1895
New Cambria	1888
Oklahoma City	1903
Peabody	1885
Perth	1894
Salina	1882
Wellington	1889
Whitewater	1902

MINUTES of the TWENTY-NINTH
ANNUAL CONVENTION of the

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

SYNOD OF KANSAS,

HELD IN THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, October 16-18, 1909.

FIRST SESSION.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Kansas Synod convened in the Bible study room of the First Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Mo., Saturday, October 16, 1909, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The following officers were present:

President—Mrs. Hester W. Humphrey, Abilene, Kan.

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Secretary German Department—Carl Krueger, Atchison, Kan.

Chairman Literature Committee—Mrs. Lydia A. Ott, Salina, Kan.

Opening devotional service was conducted by Mrs. A. E. Renn, Atchison, Kan.

The President then declared the Convention opened for business.

Address of welcome by Mrs. J. C. Schindel, Kansas City, Mo.

Response by Mrs. Alice G. Bond in the absence of Mrs. J. E. Brewer, Abilene, Kan.

The following delegates presented credentials at roll call:

Atchison—Mrs. A. E. Renn, Mrs. B. O. Running, Mrs. M. F. Troxell, Miss Lena Swick.

Abilene—Mrs. C. Johntz, Mrs. C. Brewer.

Emporia—Mrs. L. T. Bang, Mrs. A. F. Myser.

Eureka—Mrs. W. H. Barger.

Hutchinson—Miss Annie Leidigh.

Kansas City, Kan.—Mrs. C. J. Gebaur.

Kansas City, Mo.—Mrs. J. F. Zimmerscheid, Mrs. H. E. Moss.

Lawrence—Mrs. Clara Mesenhiner.

Moray—Mrs. Rosa Albers, Miss Jeannette Zimmerman, Miss Sophia Zimmerman.

Ottawa—Mrs. B. F. Pugh.

Peabody—Mrs. E. R. Worthington, Miss Myrtle Hollar, Mrs. William Sutphin.

Perth—Miss Anna Jacobs.

Salina—Mrs. C. Bachtold, Mrs. Elizabeth Donmeyer.

Norcatur—Mrs. J. B. Grove.

St. Joseph—Mrs. George W. Bell.

Topeka—Mrs. Harriet W. Horn.

Waterville—Mrs. Emily Rice.
New Cambria—Miss Elizabeth Croyle.
Wellington—Mrs. A. M. Reitzel.
Whitewater—Mrs. J. G. Turner.
Oklahoma City—Mrs. William Kelly.

Visitors—Mrs. J. G. Griffith, Atchison; Mrs. O. Lowry, Abilene; Mrs. F. S. Reider, Emporia; Mrs. Anna Gullickson, Eureka; Mrs. Margaret Alwes, Mrs. C. S. Burk, Mrs. J. Broderson, Ottawa; Mrs. M. L. Erickson, Wichita, Kan.; Miss Funderburgh, Mrs. Mather, Mrs. B. F. Black, Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. S. M. Lesher, Sedalia, Mo.

President's Address.

Once more we are in convention to consider the work of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. We have nothing especially new or even more urgent than ever before to present, but we do most earnestly desire to stir up in your pure minds a spirit of consecrated sympathy and determination that whatsoever the hand findeth to do should be done with the might.

We have not come here away from home cares and pleasures simply for the purpose of enjoying beauty of thought and daintily drawn pen pictures, nor to criticise the lack of them, nor to murmur if we should have to listen to twice-told tales, but we have come to endeavor to realize more fully the solemn obligation laid upon us by the word, "To do good unto all mankind as we have opportunity," and to seek prayerfully and submissively for ways and means to best fulfill this injunction.

It has been truthfully said that if you want a field of labor you can find it anywhere. There come to us from near and far—from all abroad over this sin-cursed earth, from the outer material nature as well as the inner spiritual life of mankind, the cry of the destitute, the appeals of the afflicted and the ever-resounding cry of those in heathen lands—"Come and help us!" Asylums for helpless childhood, homes for the aged, hospitals for the sick and infirm everywhere enlist our sympathies and call for tithes of our possessions for their support. "Freely ye have received—freely give"—are the words of holy instruction to us, and they certainly refer to material as well as spiritual gifts. The fearful scourge of intemperance is still sweeping over our land making sad physical, mental and moral wrecks of our once honored fathers, brothers, hus-

bands and sons—and the heroic band of crusaders against this enemy importunately plead for aid—feeling in the intensity of their zeal for the temperance cause that it is almost co-equal with the evangelization of the world.

Then there come in urgent presentation the needs of the once enslaved but now freed people of the South, and every humane and patriotic heart must beat with a quicker throb as it is stirred with the earnest desire to do good unto them also. Nor can there be forgotten the wards of the Nation—Lo! the poor Indian has many sacred claims upon a Christian American Nation, for beautiful as may be their belief to them of a Great Spirit who rules over them through agency of sun, moon, clouds and storms, and gives at the last a happy hunting ground beyond the setting sun where the brave departed go, yet we know of a holier life and the faith in the Saviour, Christ, who gave us the commandment, "Go preach my Gospel to every creature."

As we walk the streets words of blasphemy fall upon our ears, and the poorly clad form and dissatisfied face of the child of poverty meets our gaze and we feel that perhaps until all these are fed, clothed and converted we should not seek elsewhere for work to do.

Is it any wonder then that we should ofttimes ask this question—Where is my field of labor, and as each new morning dawns upon us be still asking in unsolved perplexity—Where shall I glean for the Master to-day?

Age, circumstances, natural traits of character, and possibly different degrees of grace in the heart will give as great a diversity of answers as there are fields of labor. And may we not rightfully believe that it is our privilege to select that work to which our heart most inclines and consecrate to that work our best gifts of time, means and talents—not setting utterly aside all other charities, but giving to this one chosen work our greatest thought, making it in all truth our labor of love?

May we not believe that it is ever now as it was in the olden time, that there is a diversity of gifts and a blessing for each, that God has indeed set apart in the churches some as evangelists, some as teachers, some as helpers, while some must be Marthas in order that the Marys may have leisure to sit in restful rapture at the feet of Jesus? The mystical body of the Church as well as the human body is composed of many members, one differing from the other in importance and usefulness, but each member, in performing her special work contributes just that portion which is required to complete, in perfect symmetry, the whole body.

We find among the apostles that Peter, possessed of the zealous

aggressive spirit, was sent to carry the tidings of Christ's salvation for all mankind to the Gentiles of other lands, while to John, the apostle of most loving spirit, was given the precious charge of caring for the mother of Jesus and to preach the gospel of love to the Jews and Gentiles alike. We read also that Paul, the cultured scholar, the fearless, untiring but most obedient soldier in Christ's kingdom, although dwelling in the midst of unbelieving Jews and unconverted Gentiles to whom he might have devoted the labors of his life, still longed to go to Rome and establish in that idolatrous city a church founded on the true faith of Christ, and we learn that God blessed and answered this prayer of Paul's heart and opened the way for him to go to Rome.

Among the followers of Christ to-day, one feels that he is called of God to offer the bread of Life to perishing souls, a call he dare not disobey, while another as conscientiously devotes his energies to the accumulation of wealth with which he endows colleges, founds hospitals and builds churches. Can we say they are not alike blessed of God?

So may not we, the members of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Kansas Synod, have faith to believe that we are called of God to this work, that it is our duty to engage in it? We know that duty is a prickly shrub, but bless God we know also that its fruit is joy and love.

We often talk of our duty to God, duty to our fellow beings and duty as personified in the organizing and sustaining of the work of various humane societies and Christians' associations, but we speak much less often of the good that comes to us personally in reflex action as the result of our labor for others.

We need something to take us out of ourselves, take us out of the little tangled skeins of petty cares and daily annoyances which come into every life in greater or lesser numbers, so that the horizon of life shall not narrow close around us and we form the habit of looking within this narrowed circle for all the possibilities of happiness even as we find within what seems to us the acme of all accumulated woes.

We are so thoroughly human that the present hour with its pleasures or discomforts does much to make us forget the great world of need lying beyond our actual vision. We are prone to weary of our daily routine of work and to feel that personally our lot is not cast in pleasant places. I speak of those to whom have been given in full or in part the responsibilities of wife, mother, nurse, housekeeper or seamstress.

The wife is fretted and discouraged that home is plain and simple

duties occupy so much of her time, thought and strength to the exclusion of society claims and pleasures, or the loss of opportunities for using what she considers to be her more cultured talents for writing or speaking "in plea for others' weal." And so

"She looks at eve on sunset sky,
On hazy hills where moonbeams lie;
She feels the glow of poetic thought
With which the hour and scene are fraught;
But not for her at evening time
Comes leisure hour for weaving rhyme,
Instead she guards her boy with care
And guides her girl through evening prayer,
Makes home an Eden, glad with love,
She found the source of God above;
And yet with eyes all dimmed with tears,
She backward looks o'er bygone years
Where no great deed in fame she wrought,
No books she wrote with wisdom fraught,
Nowhere on printed page she reads
Of words she spake for human needs.
She counts her life of trifles made;
No garnered sheaves her toil repaid,
So sad at heart she makes this moan:
My work is naught when life is done."

When this spirit of discontent with ourselves comes upon us, if our eyes chance to fall upon the pages of missionary records, or our ears hear from one who has seen and knows the truth, the story of the lives of heathen women—of their degraded home life, of the unloved wives, the suffering mothers, the perishing children, of the hopeless, loveless, worse than slave life of the Hindoo widow—will we not be brought to comprehend that there are heights and depths of daily suffering of mind and body of which imagination had not before conceived? Will not a spirit of shame come upon us that we ever presumed to give the name of trials to many of our experiences in life?

One well taught, personally applied lesson of this kind will last through many days and break up many a useless habit of losing patience under the comparatively small crosses that we are called upon to bear in our God blessed, love crowned homes. It will fill our thoughts with tender sympathy for those who know not of that peace which passeth all understanding and which is found alone in Christ Jesus. The once pitying thoughts for our selfish self will be forgotten and we will perform our daily duties with the spirit of one who believes "that all things work together for good to them who love the Lord."

Can cultured talent be given to nobler use than to work for those who have no knowledge of the inheritance in the Kingdom of Heaven, a Kingdom of righteous judgment and peace? Let all our human ambitions be fully reached, let all our higher nature be fully satisfied in such work as this.

It is our custom at these Conventions to review the labors of the past year and to formulate plans for the coming twelve months. We have made commendable progress along some lines, but if we expect to keep pace with the ever-increasing demands of our work we must press forward to more earnest efforts than ever before. If we want this thirtieth year to be our banner year we must push most energetically. Your President and officers cannot do it all—you have a work that no other can do.

The Treasurer's report will be a disappointment to you. God has prospered us during the past year in numbers and money. Have we thanked Him with sufficient offerings from our storehouses of gold and silver? I think not. Let us seek God in earnest prayer that during this coming year we may bring to the work offerings according as we are able, and then at our Thirtieth Anniversary Convention every one may have the assurance in her heart that "she hath done what she could."

The Corresponding Secretary will tell us that ten societies have increased their membership (nine the greatest increase), seven have lost in membership and four report the same.

We are so glad to welcome into our Society two new auxiliaries, one at Bunker Hill, organized in January, 1909, with a membership of sixteen, and at Norcatur, organized in December, with the same membership, sixteen. We pray they "may be faithful and enduring to the end."

Two Mission Bands have been added during the year—at Abilene and at Hutchinson—also a Cradle Roll at Hutchinson.

Mrs. Bugle writes "that the King's Daughters Circle at Bendena contemplate adding our Young People's Missionary work to their other good service 'In His Name.'"

It is with a feeling of pride that we refer to the circulation of our excellent magazine, *Lutheran Woman's Work*, among the women of our Synod. At the General Convention in Dixon, Ill., our Magazine Secretary, Mrs. R. B. Wolf, was presented the prize banner promised to the Synodical Society reporting the largest subscription list on the basis of membership. It is my pleasure and privilege at this time to express, in behalf of our Society, our appreciation of the active, untiring interest taken by Mrs. Wolf in this campaign which brought the honors to the Kansas Synod. We thank her sincerely and heartily for the time and energy she has given to the work. But let us not be satisfied until a copy is found in every family of our churches where it may sow the seed for an abundant harvest of intelligent workers in the cause of Christ and humanity. The lack of interest in the King's Message is to be deplored, and it

is hoped that more interest will be manifested in the circulation of this excellent paper during the coming year.

Our Box Work Committee have sent to the auxiliaries during the past month appeals for money, clothing, etc., to furnish a box that will be sent from this Convention to cheer the hearts of a pastor and family in one of our Home Missions. It has been a blessed privilege to respond to these requests from the Committee, and we pray God's blessing upon their Box Packing Service at our Anniversary Session.

We submit the following recommendations:

1. That we make a special effort to increase our membership. Let the motto of every member be "Win One."

2. That our thirtieth year be celebrated by an increase in our General Fund, and that a method for this increase be discussed at this Convention.

3. That the annuities be a special feature of the year's work and that a Committee of one be appointed in the Synodical Society to stimulate interest in this form of benevolence.

4. That we show a deeper interest in our young people and children and that a systematic campaign be inaugurated to organize them for mission study and mission work, also that a Cradle Roll be formed in every Mission Band.

5. That we continue with even greater enthusiasm and faithfulness to increase the circulation of not only the Woman's Work, but the King's Message among our congregations, and that the Sunday school be made the medium for the circulation of the King's Message.

6. That every auxiliary in our Synod pursue the Mission Study Course for 1910, "In Latin Lands."

7. That we observe the first Sunday in Advent, November 28th, as a day of prayer, thus making it a Lutheran International Day of Prayer.

Dear Sisters, as we look back over the way the Lord hath led us the past year, we thank Him that we have had the privilege of Christian service.

The exchange of views and thoughts at this Convention will give birth to new ideas and plans, and we should return to our auxiliary work with renewed energy and enthusiasm. The coming year will be full of grand opportunities for service in Christ's Kingdom. May God help us to do our utmost to diffuse His glory through the world.

Respectfuly submitted, HESTER W. HUMPHREY.

Accepted and referred to proper committee.

Woman's Societies.	Organized.	Name of Corresponding Secretary.	Membership. Total, not including Life Members.	Active.	Honorary.	Life.	Lutheran Woman's Work.	The King's Message.	Time of Meetings	Average Attendance.	Presidents.
1 Abilene	1880	Mrs. D. B. Binder	33	18	15		26	2d	Tuesday	14	Mrs. Olive Peters.
2 Atchison	1885	Mrs. F. D. Altman	28	20	8		15	1st	Thursday	12	Mrs. Chas. Osborn.
3 Beloit	1908	Mrs. J. W. Hodler	16	16			8	1st	Sunday	9	Mrs. J. H. Utesch.
4 Bunker Hill	1909	Mrs. Grace Best	16	16			6	2d	Thursday	10	Mrs. J. Kuhn.
5 Emporia	1885	Mrs. A. F. Myser	16	6	10		12	1st	Wednesday	5	Mrs. M. V. Cagney.
6 Eureka	1898	Mrs. Anna Weiser	11	11			8	1st	Wednesday	4	Mrs. M. Cutmyer.
7 Hebron	1879	Mrs. Annie L. Hirt	9	7	2		12	2d	Thursday	5	Sarah J. Kistler.
8 Hutchinson	1889	Mrs. Julia Little	12	10	2	1	9	1st	Thursday	6	Mrs. Jennie Armstrong.
9 Kansas City, Mo	1884	Mrs. Hiram George	21	21			21	1st	Monday	8	Mrs. W. H. James.
10 Kansas City, Kan	1904	Mrs. J. C. Gebhaur	11	9	2		8	1st	Friday	6	Mrs. R. B. Wolf.
11 Lawrence	1886	Mrs. A. W. Lamb	21	18	3		19	1st	Thursday	18	Mrs. Clara Ewald.
12 Moray	1881	Mrs. O. T. Nelson	22	22			19	1st	Wednesday	10	Mrs. Oscar Nelson.
13 Norcatur	1909	Mrs. J. B. Grove	16	12	4		9	1st	Thursday	10	Mrs. Minnie Goodman.
14 Ottawa	1885	Miss Nettie Bechdol	15	12	3		11	1st	Wednesday	7	Mrs. B. F. Pugh.
15 Oklahoma City	1903	Mrs. A. Goodholm	11	11			13	1st	Thursday	6	Mrs. Lillie Kelly.
16 Peabody	1885	Mrs. Hattie Brown	40	36	4	1	35	1st	Thursday	17	Mrs. E. R. Worthington.
17 Perth	1889	Miss Anna Jacobs	19	17	2		13	2d	Thursday	7	Mrs. Sue Jacobs.
18 Salina	1882	Mrs. M. A. Nothstein	13	13		3	14	1st	Friday	10	Mrs. Alice Bond.
19 Topeka	1882	Miss Louise Helmig	21	21		2	51	2d	Wednesday	15	Mrs. H. W. Horn.
20 Waterville	1879	Mrs. Emily M. Rice	20	15	5	1	10	2d	Thursday	6	Mrs. I. B. Heisey.
21 Whitewater	1884	Mrs. J. F. Beans	7	7			12	2d	Thursday	6	Mrs. H. H. Norris.
22 Wellington	1906	Mrs. Chas. Hangen	9	9			9				Mrs. Reitzel.
23 St. Joseph, Mo	1906	Mrs. M. A. Lantz	14	14			12	1st	Wednesday	10	Mrs. George W. Bell.
Young People's Societies.											
1 Atchison	1902	Miss Irene Troxell, College	15	15			1	1st	Sunday	12	Lena Swick.
			416	356	60	8	363				
Children's Bands.											
1 Lawrence	1887	Mrs. E. E. Stauffer	42	42			30	2d	Sunday	28	
2 Emporia	1894	Miss Helen Blank	19	12	7		15	2d	Sunday	8	Mrs. Stauffer (?).
3 St. Joseph, Mo	1905	Miss Lilith Schwab	30	30			15	4th	Saturday	10	Mrs. A. Myser.
4 Abilene	1908	Miss Viola Engle	20	20						10	Corinne Neafie.
5 Hutchinson	1909	Mrs. Jennie Armstrong	18	18							Miss Juanita Engle.
6 Perth (disbanded)											
7 Peabody		Miss Florence Witt	33	33			25			18	Wilma Worthington.
			162	155			85				
			578	511	67	8	363	85			

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. JENNIE ARMSTRONG, *Secretary*.

Report of Treasurer of W. H. and F. M. Society of Kansas Synod for Year Ending October 1, 1909.

Names of Societies.	General Fund.	Thank-Offering.	Christmas Offering.	30th Anniversary.	Girls' School in India.	India Nursery.	Long Beach.	May Memorial.	St. Thomas' Mission.	E. V. Day Memorial, Africa.	Life Membership.	Synodical Fees.	Total.
Abilene	$37 20	$28 43	$3 00	$24 50				$2 00	$2 00			$6 20	$103 33
Atchison	30 90	15 90	5 75	4 90				1 00				4 10	62 55
Beloit	12 30												12 30
Bunker Hill	6 00											1 00	7 00
Emporia	7 35	36 35	3 25	3 20				45				1 20	51 80
Eureka	6 85	3 70										1 20	11 75
Hutchinson	10 70	14 00	3 10	3 00				50				1 80	33 10
Kansas City, First Church	34 95	20 75	3 15	4 50			$3 55					50	67 40
Kansas City, Kan	11 80	6 18		5 00		$1 00			1 00			1 90	26 88
Lawrence	32 00	12 41	2 00	4 50								3 40	54 31
Leavenworth	2 00				$2 00								4 00
Moray	24 90	10 00	15 00	10 00					10 00			4 30	74 20
Norcatur	9 00												9 00
Ottawa	16 10	8 00	65	4 00				1 00				1 80	31 55
Oklahoma City	14 00	15 00		10 00								1 65	40 65
Perth	10 35	6 15		4 50		66						3 40	25 06
Peabody	55 15	5 10	6 15	5 00				1 90		$5 00	$10 00	6 60	94 90
Salina	18 60	18 15	3 00	15 00				1 00	2 00			3 20	60 95
Topeka	25 80	13 00	1 50	5 00				2 00			10 00	3 50	60 80
St. Joseph	15 20	17 10		5 00		5 00						2 40	44 70
Waterville, Hebron	10 10	4 35	1 30					1 25				1 10	18 10
Waterville	13 00	15 50	3 50	1 50				75	1 50			3 00	38 75
Whitewater	5 55	10 50	3 00	5 00		3 00						1 90	28 95
Wellington	9 00	2 00											11 00
Atchison Young Ladies' M. S.	5 35	6 91		1 20									13 46
Salina Young Ladies' M. S.	3 20	1 25											4 45
Abilene Mission Band	1 00												1 00
Emporia	3 25	3 75											7 00
Lawrence	4 07												4 07
St. Joseph	9 00												9 00
Peabody	3 38												3 38
Peabody, Convention offering												18 00	18 00
Emporia Helpers					15 00								15 00
Miss Anna Leidigh						5 00							5 00
Receipts during the year	$448 05	$274 48	$54 35	$115 80	$17 00	$14 66	$3 55	$11 85	$16 50	$5 00	$20 00	$72 15	$1053 39
Balance from last year	10 70	† 30	60			*$35 51 †1 25						44 38	
Total to be accounted for	$458 75	$274 18	$54 95	$115 80	$17 00	$48 92	$3 55	$11 85	$16 50	$5 00	$20 00	$116 53	$1143 03
Remitted and Expended	458 75	274 18	54 95	115 80	17 00	48 92	3 55	11 10	16 50	5 00	20 00	84 97	1110 72
Balance on hand								$0 75				$31 56	$32 31

*Transferred from Endowment Fund. †Overdrafts.

Report of Vice-President of Northeast Conference.

Efforts have been made in several churches to induce the women to organize missionary societies, but so far nothing definite has resulted. We hope to hear of missionary societies in these churches soon, however. Trusting for better results in the future.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. R. B. WOLF.

Accepted and referred to committee.

Report of Vice-President of Southwest Conference.

Letters written to each auxiliary referring to Thirtieth Anniversary Offering.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. E. R. WORTHINGTON.

Accepted and referred to committee.

The Corresponding Secretary's report was received, accepted and referred to committee. (See page 67.)

The Treasurer's report was received, accepted and referred to proper committee. (See page 68.)

The following greetings were received from the Historian, Mrs. O. J. Peters, who was unable to be present:

"I extend my most hearty greetings to the Convention. Be not weary in well doing, and the Grace, our Lord Jesus, be with you."

The report of Historian was read by Mrs. C. S. Brewer, Abilene.

Historian's Report.

With thanks to our Heavenly Father for His love and care over us during the past year we are permitted to meet again to tell the story of our success and failures.

The Synodical year closing with the opening of this Convention completes twenty-nine eventful years of Synodical history. It was an humble beginning when our roll only embraced seven members, but the foundation was laid and we are still building, not only for time, but for eternity. Could we compare the reports of this Convention with those meagre ones of 1880 to 1890 we would find occasion for rejoicing and awaken within all of us a feeling of profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His care and help in

guiding us through all these years. The spirit of missions is being more widely diffused year by year. We have every reason to be encouraged to press on to this great work of the Church. These facts in the history of our past experience justify us in the belief that what has already been accomplished is but the promise of greater things to be achieved in the future. It was a strange coincidence that the two remaining charter members of this Synodical Society, Mrs. T. F. Dornblazer, of Chicago, and your Historian met at the General Convention at Dixon, Ill., and served together on the same committee. As we took a "backward" glance and reviewed the twenty-nine years of success and failures, we thanked God for the privilege that we had of being colaborers in this great work.

George Work Murphy, son of Rev. and Mrs. George S. Murphy, Peabody, Kan., was made a life member by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of that place. Total life members 14.

The General Historian requests us to emphasize the "May Memorial Offering." Miss Thomas, missionary to India, is our special object. Let us enter heartily into this work, and each year bring a little gift to the altar, that the good work of their hands may not have died with them.

The following are the additions to the historical collection minutes of the General Convention, also the minutes of the Convention held at Peabody: Programs of our own and also of the General Convention, bound copies of *Lutheran Woman's Work* for 1908, and also the copies of *Lutheran Church Work* for 1908, Missionary intelligence added to Scrap Book.

IN MEMORIAM.

At Evans, Col., January 15, 1909, Mrs. J. N. Zimmer, a devoted member of the Society at Abilene, Kan. She was deeply interested in all departments of missionary activity.

At Waterville, Kan., Mrs. Belle Kistler, March 6, 1909. A charter member of the Hebron Auxiliary. She was seriously afflicted for a number of years and unable to attend the monthly meeting, but ever ready to respond to all calls.

"They have gone to the land of eternal delight,
In fields celestial to roam;
Though our aching hearts throb, and the tears dim our eyes,
We know the bright Angels who dwell in the skies
Are glad to welcome them home."

Respectfully submitted, OLIVE J. PETERS,
Historian.

Accepted and referred to committee.

The report of Mrs. Lydia A. Ott, delegate to General Convention, Dixon, Ill., was accepted and referred to committee.

The President appointed the following reporters and committees:

REPORTERS.

Lutheran Observer—Mrs. A. E. Renn.
Lutheran World—Miss Annie Leidigh.
Lutheran Woman's Work—Mrs. Lydia A. Ott.

COMMITTEES.

Officers' Reports—Mrs. M. F. Troxell, Mrs. L. T. Bang, Mrs. B. F. Pugh, Mrs. George W. Bell.

Minutes—Mrs. C. Brewer, Mrs. C. Bachtold.

Letters and Papers—Miss Annie Leidigh, Mrs. C. Mesenhiner, Miss Myrtle Hollar, Miss Lena Swick.

Department Secretaries' Reports—Mrs. H. E. Moss, Mrs. C. J. Gebaur, Mrs. William Kelly, Mrs. J. G. Turner.

Literature and Box Work—Mrs. Anna Barger, Mrs. B. O. Running, Mrs. William Sutphin, Mrs. J. F. Zimmerscheid.

Resolutions—Mrs. H. W. Horn, Mrs. C. Johntz, Mrs. J. B. Grove, Mrs. Emily Rice, Miss Elizabeth Croyle.

Adjourned with Society benediction.

SECOND SESSION.

1.30 P. M.

The devotional service was led by Mrs. Nannie J. George, Kansas City, Mo.

Meeting opened with roll call.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

President appointed Mrs. Alice G. Bond to convey greetings to Synod.

On motion Mrs. J. M. Ruthrauff, Mrs. W. H. James and Mrs. Alice G. Bond were made advisory members of the Convention.

Moved that Mrs. A. M. Reitzel, of Wellington, Kan., be received as a delegate.

The report of Home Department Secretary read by Mrs. Emily Rice, of Waterville, in absence of Mrs. H. Runkle.

Report of Home Department Secretary.

With the falling autumn leaves our thoughts turn to our Annual Convention. We cannot be present this year, but would send words of greeting to the Sisters gathered to plan another year's work for our beloved Society. In the work assigned to me, Madam President, I can report only *failure*. I have written to each auxiliary during the year asking them to take up the work. But few replies have reached me, and not a single favorable one. All report lack of leaders. I have thought the matter over carefully and have about concluded that as far as Kansas is concerned, Home Department work in our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society is a failure. It seems to me that our women do pretty well, and while we should not sit down and leave well enough alone, we certainly should not be expected to do something that we cannot do, and Home Department work seems to be something we cannot do. But perhaps another year may bring changes in our societies, and another Secretary may be able to bring out something along this line that may result in Kansas being the banner State for Home Department work in our Lutheran Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. We sincerely hope so. May God's richest blessing rest upon the women of the Convention and every member of our Society.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. H. RUNKLE.

Report accepted and referred to committee.

Report of Young People's Societies and Mission Bands.

On March 6, 1909, I mailed letters to the Secretaries of our missionary societies, or if not known, then to the pastors of twenty-five churches in the Kansas Synod, urging the importance of organizing Young People's Missionary Societies, Helpless Circles, Mission Boards, or Cradle Rolls, at the same time enclosing all literature necessary for use in organizing.

April 1, 1909, I mailed blanks to the same, calling for reports so

that I could make my report to our General Secretary, Mrs. Hay, in time for the General Convention at Dixon, Ill.

I received reports from eleven churches in most of which there was no organization of the young people or children as a missionary society. However, in some of them our work is regularly supported by the Luther League, which has mission subjects for study once each month.

In the July number of *Woman's Work* I made an appeal for the organization of Mission Bands and urged a prompt report of same.

November 7, 1908, a Mission Band of nineteen members was organized in Abilene. The young ladies of the Ottawa church are organizing for work, but as yet have not reported an organization.

June, 1909, a Mission Band of eighteen members was organized in Hutchinson.

Indirectly, I have heard that Oklahoma City has organized a Mission Band, but I have been unable to get a report. This work is important and *we can do it.* Whether we do it or not, the report of your Secretary for the next Synodical year will show.

Very respectfully, MRS. A. F. MYSER,
Secretary.

Accepted and referred to committee.

Report of Thank-Offering Secretary.

One more year has come and gone, it is now numbered with the past, and once more it becomes my duty to come before you with my annual report of the Thank-Offering Department.

The question arises, has the work advanced as much as it should have. Perhaps we have not made the sacrifices that we should have made to further this most important work. I say important, for it is one of the departments that require the support of every woman in our Synod if we would bring it up to the standard for which it was first intended, and which is our aim. Let us keep constantly in mind the personal work, for after all, that is the work which counts when we sum up our year's labor. That work your Secretary cannot report—these little efforts on the part of each individual will only be summed up by Him who said, "She hath done what she could."

And yet another year of patient toil and love for the furtherance of our Master's Kingdom has been a source of great blessing to us. Much more literature has been distributed this year than in any previous year and in that way we have reached more of our people who might not have been reached. Your Secretary has kept in touch

with as many of the societies as possible, and the reports which have been received are most encouraging. Almost all of them have shown a marked increase in the Thank Offering.

Our General Secretary, Mrs. Bond, in her last letter suggests giving a definite sum, say, $1.00 per member. What a great advance would be made in our work if we were all more definite in this matter of giving. When God was training the Jews to know Himself and to follow His ways, He gave them a clear command that a tithe of all their possessions should come back to the temple as an offering to Him. Time and again the Prophets had to tell the people that their failure to give this tenth displeased God. Now let us make our deposits in the "Heavenly Bank" more liberal and more frequent.

A number of the societies failed to report their Thank-Offering meetings to the Thank-Offering Secretary, only ten out of all the societies having made reports. However, through the kindness of Mrs. Heisey, I have received a full report of the offering. This year Emporia, with only ten members, has carried off the honors by reporting $36.35. Next comes Abilene with $28.43. All have done very well and are to be commended for their good work.

Money Received.

Balance from last year	$1.80
Received from Treasurer	5.00
Total	$6.80

Money Expended.

Postage	$1.90
Stationery	.40
Literature	3.60
Total	$5.90

Literature Distributed.

Tracts	360
Book marks	100
Bible readings	100
Letters written	56
Letters received	25

Reports received 10
Letters written to pastors..... 11
Replies from pastors 2

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. NANNIE J. GEORGE.

Secretary of German Department reported, "that as there are now no German congregations in the Kansas Synod this office might as well be abolished; that the one German Missionary Society had united with the German Nebraska Synod, in which Synod there are now two other Missionary Societies."

Accepted.

Report of Literature Committee.

During the past year your Literature Committee has aimed to do two things in particular in connection with its work. We have tried in the first place to interest the societies in all of our literature and especially in supplying themselves liberally with all helps for systematic study of our text-books. In the second place we have aimed to make the literature work self-supporting. How well we have succeeded in attaining these results our report will show.

During the year we have handled ~~over~~ forty dollars' worth of literature. The increased demand has enabled us to order in larger quantities, thus obtaining better rates. We began the year with but forty-five cents in our treasury, and have not drawn on the Synodical treasury for the customary allowance, but have the pleasure of reporting to you that all bills have been promptly met.

It remains with you whether or not this can be done another year. The amount which each Society pays for its tracts does not cover the cost and the necessary postage and envelopes to mail them, and we have considered the advisability of asking the societies to pay thirty cents per year, and would refer the matter to the Convention for action. Through the generosity of the Abilene and Lawrence Societies we have been able to send the tracts gratis to Oklahoma and Kansas City Missions. Kansas City withdrew later in the year, as it received tracts from the General Secretary, and we sent this tract to societies who had not yet subscribed.

We have three or four societies which do not take the tracts, and we would urge loyalty in this respect, feeling that if they do not wish to use them in the meeting they could be placed in the hands of women whom we hope to interest. Many of these tracts contain

valuable information and statistics of missionary operations in our Church, and none of us can be too well informed on these subjects, and so we ask your support along this line and trust that these subscriptions will be handed in at this Convention that there may be some funds in hand with which to begin the next year's work. We are glad to note the increased demand for the Thank-Offering helps. We believe the programs prepared for this year the best we have ever had, and recommend a more general use of them at our Annual Thank-Offering Meetings.

We believe a greater use of the topic cards would result in better preparation and better attendance at our meetings.

We cannot speak too highly of our text-book for the coming year, "The Gospel in Latin Lands," by Dr. and Mrs. Francis Clark. The maps pictures and pamphlet should accompany it. The junior text-book is "The Golden Key," and is charmingly written. This book with its red tickets and also the picture puzzles cannot fail to interest the children in missions. They would make nice Christmas presents for the children in our homes. In closing we wish to thank the societies who have helped in becoming self-sustaining, and ask your liberal patronage at the literature table. A small amount of literature remains on hand.

We would submit the following report:

RECEIPTS, 1908-1909.

Balance 1908	$0.45
32 Hymnals	12.80
12 Copies Nearer and Farther East	3.70
7 Moslem Worlds	2.60
6 Calls of the Waters	1.90
1 Pioneer	.29
3 Springs in Desert	.60
1 Why and How of Foreign Missions	.50
8 Badges	4.55
2 Sets Maps	1.20
7 How Use	.70
Topic and Post Cards	.75
5 Sets Pictures	1.25
19 Monthly Tracts	4.75
Thank-Offering Supplies	3.82
Miscellany	.68
Total	$40.54

DISBURSEMENTS, 1908-1909.

Convention Supplies	$15.27
Postage on Monthly Tracts	3.17
Orders	2.95
Hymnals and Topic Cards	7.30
Quarter's Tracts	1.73
6 Moslem Sisters	2.10
7 Hymnals	2.80
Quarter's Tracts	1.03
1 Call of Waters	.35
2 Calls of Waters	.70
1 Pioneer	.29
Quarter's Tracts	1.03
Quarter's Tracts	.77
Circular Letters, Cards, Envelopes, Etc	1.05
Total	$40.54

Respectfully submitted, MRS. LYDIA A. OTT,
MRS. J. E. MILLER.

Accepted and referred to committee.

Report of Auditing Committee.

We, the undersigned Auditing Committee, respectfully report that we have examined the books and vouchers of your Treasurer, Mrs. I. B. Heisey, and find the same to be correct, carefully kept and supported by the proper vouchers. The balance on hand is shown to be $32.31.

If permitted, we would suggest that your body instruct your Treasurer to destroy all remittance blanks and vouchers of the previous year after the report is made, audited and approved each year. This will avoid a burdensome and unnecessary accumulation of papers.

Respectfully, W. W. BRADY,
WILLIAM RAUSCH.

Accepted and referred to committee.

Vocal solo, Mrs. A. E. Renn, Atchison, Kan.

Rev. A. E. Renn brought greetings from Synod to the Convention.

Mrs. W. H. James, after a touching speech, handed to the Treasurer of the Missionary Society of First Lutheran

Church, in behalf of Mrs. Nannie J. George, Kansas City, Mo., $10.00 to pay her life membership fee. The money was a Christmas gift from the late husband of Mrs. George.

Paper, "Our Duty to Our Young People," Mrs. M. F. Troxell, Atchison, Kan.

To fashion a garment of new cloth is one thing; to make a new garment of the cloth from an old one, is another. To tell you something new that would please and interest you is one thing; to bring to you a subject as old as the history of the spread of the Gospel is another. And yet, I make no apology or excuse for presenting this old subject, which is a *vital* one and should become to us a new work.

Referring to reports made at this Convention, we must realize what a very small per cent. of the great army of young people within the bounds of our Synod are receiving training in mission work. These young people we need, and they need what it is our duty to give.

Let us confess then that we have neglected this part of our work for a time. Let us see if we can find any excuse for it, or perhaps, find a different or better way to reach our young people. Let us say first, we are so busy, our young people are so busy in school, etc.; that the old plan is slow and tedious both to child and leader. All this may be true, but let us remember that we were told long ago, "Go teach," and that one Philip was sent down to a far country where travel was difficult, and to one person and that one person had the Word. Philip asked, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" We know the answer, "How can I except some one tell me?"

If our young people are not interested and taught in mission work, what shall be done? Shall our missionaries on the field do double service, or shall we drop the work for a decade if we lack leaders and teachers?

Discussion.

On motion recess was taken to join with Synod in preparatory service.

Reassembled, and the following paper by Mrs. S. I. Tibbins, Peabody, Kan., was read by Miss Lena Swick.

Best Methods for Organizing and Conducting Mission Bands.

The first and most important thing is to get an enthusiastic superintendent, one who can work with the children, one who has a great deal of patience, for it is certainly necessary at times, the little tots have to be reminded of so many things, especially where the parents are not very much interested in missionary work.

The age of Mission Band members usually ranges from six to twelve, unless there is no Cradle Roll, and then they come as soon as they are old enough to come.

It is a great help to the superintendent to have some members aged from twelve to sixteen to hold the offices and help interest the smaller ones. The different offices, the same as in the Woman's Missionary Society, are held by the different members and I think it makes the Society more interesting and gives the children something to do, to have several different committees, such as the Social Committee, Flower Committee, Music Committee, etc.

I think in keeping the children busy you get them interested in the work, the very smallest can do something, such as distribute the papers, take up the offering, etc.

Some societies do not have a stated amount of dues, but each one gives a free will offering, others give an amount of five or ten cents each month; the superintendent can best decide that.

It is a good plan to have each member repeat a verse of Scripture when they drop in their offering.

Then give them mite boxes or something to help them collect and save their pennies and nickels in, it is surprising how much they will bring in in a very short time, and think of the noble spirit it installs in the child, working and giving for the furtherance of the Master's Kingdom.

I have in mind a Mission Band whose superintendent gave each one a cradle mite box and told them to work and earn and save all they could in these little cradles for six months, at the end of that time she had them all gather at her home and with the assistance of several of the ladies from the missionary society she gave them refreshments, and at this time the little cradles were opened. There were twenty-two who were faithful in their work for the six months, and they gave an offering to the Lord that day of $16.00. And this is only one of the many instances of working and giving for our Master's cause through Mission Band work.

The *King's Message* is a great help in the Mission Band, and a very instructive little paper. We use the lesson that is given each month and have some of the selections read, and it is nice to have one of the members recite one of the pieces of poetry.

And so I might go on and give a great many methods of organizing and conducting Mission Bands, but if they were never put into use they would be of no avail. Oh, Mothers, we should all be more interested in the organization of Mission Bands for our children, for it is the children of to-day who will be the missionary workers of to-morrow.

I hope each one who has not already a Mission Band will go back to her home determined to organize one, for there is plenty of good material in every community just waiting for some one to mold it into shape, and who can tell but what God intends you to do that work?

MRS. S. I. TIBBINS.

Letters read by Secretary from Mrs. E. D. Miller, General Treasurer, Miss Ruth Garrett, Missionary to Africa, Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, Field Secretary, and Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Secretary of General Executive Committee.

Mrs. J. A. Lowe, Wilbur, Neb., was bearer of greetings from Nebraska Synod.

Rev. W. C. Seidel, D.D., Sterling, Ill., pioneer of Kansas Synod, gave a short talk, presenting his work of writing tracts.

Resolution, That for the convenience of delegates attending Convention, as well as for the benefit of Entertaining Committee, our Convention be held on Thursday and Friday, instead of over Sunday.

After discussion it was moved that resolution be adopted. Carried.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. Seidel.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE.

SATURDAY, 8. P. M.

Organ Voluntary.

Opening service, Rev. George Murphy, Peabody, Kan.

Prayer, Rev. R. B. Wolf, Kansas City, Kan.

Scripture lesson, Psalm 96, Mrs. Hester W. Humphrey, Abilene, Kan.

Vocal solo, Miss Emma Pearl Lock, Kansas City, Mo.

Hymn, "The Morning Light is Breaking."

Box packing service.

Scripture reading, Mrs. E. R. Worthington, Peabody, Kan.

Talk on box work from its inception, Mrs. W. H. James, Kansas City, Mo.

Articles for box presented by delegates in response to roll call, each repeating an appropriate Scripture verse.

All stood and united in singing, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Offering, amounting to $13.04, was then received.

After announcements, benediction was pronounced by Rev. R. B. Wolf.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, 9 A. M.

Devotional services were in charge of Mrs. C. M. Mesenhiner, Lawrence, Kan.

After roll call, minutes of previous session were read and approved.

Report of Magazine Secretary.

The Magazine Secretary is pleased to report that the banner for the largest proportionate number of subscribers was awarded to our Synodical Society. This is a distinction which was made pos-

sible by the faithful work of the magazine representatives in each congregation. We cannot insist too strongly on the necessity of maintaining these local representatives, and that they continue to keep the magazine before the people of their congregations until the aim is accomplished—"the magazine in every home."

It is recommended that the banner be given to the Auxiliary Society having the largest number of subscriptions in proportion to its membership for the year of 1909.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. R. B. WOLF.

Report accepted.

Moved that the banner be given, for the coming year, to the Auxiliary having most subscribers in proportion to membership.

Dr. F. D. Altman brought greetings from Western Theological Seminary.

Report of Committee on Officers' Reports.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Our President's report gave us many items of cheer in our work. We here acknowledge her splendid leadership. We notice the following recommendations:

1. We heartily co-operate with her wish for increased membership.

2. That as an increase in our General Fund seems so necessary, we discuss a method for increasing it for our Thirtieth Anniversary.

3. That some one person be appointed at this Convention to look after annuities that may come to our Woman's work.

4. That we take some definite steps to organize the young people of our Church.

5. That we encourage the effort made to increase the interest in our *Woman's Work* and *King's Message*.

6. That the Mission Study Course be generally used in our meetings.

7. That we observe November 28th as day of prayer as requested.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

We find the work of Corresponding Secretary has been faithfully done.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT.

Our Historian has added another year to her work. Reports fourteen life members and three workers called home.

On motion report was considered item by item.

Regarding second recommendation it was moved that we leave the method of raising money for General Fund with Executive Committee, giving them power to act. Carried.

Report adopted as a whole.

Motion carried that following bills be allowed:

Programs	$3.25
Mrs. A. F. Myser	1.25
Mrs. Jennie M. Armstrong	13.87
Mrs. Olive J. Peters	1.25
Mrs. Hester W. Humphrey	12.51
Mrs. R. B. Wolf	2.75
Mrs. I. B. Heisey	12.65
Mrs. Lydia A. Ott	7.50
Mrs. W. B. Winzenried	2.00
Total	$57.03

Rev. R. B. Wolf, Woman's Missionary at Kansas City, Kan., gave a short report of his work.

Dr. L. B. Wolf, General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, in a brief address explained our work in India and Africa.

Luther P. Ludden, D.D., Western Secretary of Home Mission Board, told of the work being done by the women.

Election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. Hester W. Humphrey.

Vice-President Northeast Conference—Mrs. R. B. Wolf.

Vice-President Southwest Conference — Mrs. E. R. Worthington.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. W. B. Winzenried.

Moved that we adjourn and finish election after dinner.

Adjourned with benediction by Dr. H. A. Ott.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Election resumed.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Jennie M. Armstrong.

Treasurer—Mrs. H. E. Moss.

Motion that the former Trustees be continued in office. Carried.

FOURTH SESSION.

1.30 P. M.

Devotional service was conducted by Mrs. J. B. Grove, Norcatur, Kan.

Roll call followed by reading of minutes of morning session.

Approved as read.

Report of Box-Work Committee.

As last year a box was sent to the foreign field, it was decided this year that the Kansas Synodical Society should pack a box for the home field.

The Chairman of your Committee applied to Mrs. Fanny Reeves, General Chairman of Home Mission Box Work, to supply us with the name of a missionary and his family, and with the necessary blanks and suggestions.

We were asked to furnish a box for Rev. C. F. Ducker, his wife and nine children, living at Enid, Okla. As this is the largest family we have ever been asked to supply, we have had to ask each Society for greater gifts than usual. However, in this year of prosperity, we feel that the members of our Kansas Synodical Society have

deemed it a privilege to aid in this very practical work, bearing ever in mind the injunction, "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Contributions to box were as follows:

	Cash.	Value of Garments, etc.
Atchison	$13.50	
Abilene	7.00	$2.50
Bunker Hill		3.00
Emporia	2.75	5.80
Eureka		2.00
Hebron	.50	2.35
Hutchinson	4.55	1.00
Kansas City (First Church)		29.50
Kansas City (Grace)		5.00
Kansas City (Memorial)	2.50	
Kansas City, Kan. (Trinity)	1.00	5.25
Lawrence		10.00
Moray	5.00	1.20
Norcatur	2.80	
Oklahoma City	1.35	4.95
Ottawa		4.00
Peabody	5.00	14.70
Perth	2.00	9.00
Salina	5.00	7.15
Sedalia	3.00	4.00
St. Joseph		8.00
Topeka	2.50	5.35
Waterville	.50	2.50
Whitewater	1.00	4.00
No account of	1.45	
Total	$61.40	$131.25

Total cash	$61.40
Total value of garments, etc	131.25
Total value	$192.65

Respectfully submitted, MRS. R. B. WOLF.

Report accepted and referred to committee.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. R. B. Wolf and Mrs.

E. R. Worthington, Committee on Box Work, for their excellent work.

Report of Committee on Minutes of 1908.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following:

We have examined the Minutes of last Convention and find them correct.

We find the following suggestions:

1. That an effort be made to organize Mission Study Classes with our Luther League and Christian Endeavor Societies. In some churches this has been done.

2. That all societies observe the public Thank-Offering Service. To what extent has this been done? Only ten societies reported to Secretary.

3. That we, as a Committee, would recommend that hereafter a full report be given by the Treasurer on box work.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. BREWER,
MRS. C. BACHTOLD.

Adopted.

Talk by Mrs. W. H. James concerning the work of General Literature Committee.

Rev. V. A. M. Mortensen, General Secretary of Inner Missions Committee, presented in a forcible manner the work and needs of the Rescue League.

Report of Committee on Literature and Box Work.

The reports on Literature and Box Work have been examined by your Committee and are found to be correct.

We would especially commend the Chairman of the Literature Committee for having made her department self-sustaining. This is the first year this result has been achieved. We would suggest that her recommendation that the societies pay thirty cents for the tracts be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. H. BARGER,
MRS. B. O. RUNNING,
MRS. W. H. SUTPHIN.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Department Secretaries' Reports.

We, the undersigned Committee, beg to submit the following report:

1. The Thank-Offering Secretary's report has been found most satisfactory and encouraging. We would suggest that the thank-offerings may be enlarged so as to swell the General Fund for the coming year.

2. That more Young People's Societies and Mission Bands may be organized. That we give our prayers for more teachers and leaders.

3. We deplore the fact that the Home Department so far has been a failure, and hope it may succeed better in the future.

4. We recommend that the German Department be abolished, according to German Secretary's report.

5. The report of the Magazine Secretary is excellent, and we would sincerely recommend the aim and hope it may be realized—"the magazine in every home."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. E. MOSS,
MRS. WM. KELLY,
MRS. J. G. TURNER,
MRS. C. J. GEBAUR.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers report as follows:

1. The Convention was most cordially and hospitably welcomed by Mrs. J. C. Schindel, wife of the pastor of the First English Lutheran Church, in her "Words of Welcome."

In the absence of Mrs. J. E. Brewer, of Abilene, Kan., Mrs. Alice Bond, of Salina, Kan., expressed the sincere appreciation of the delegates and visitors in fitting words.

2. We commend the excellent report of our delegate to Biennial Convention. It contains many suggestions that should not be overlooked. A few items in this report are of special interest, and should be brought to our attention.

We note with pleasure that a gratifying growth has been reported in our General Society, both in number of members and amount of money contributed. Our General Executive Committee is to be commended for all the work placed in their care, but we wish here to speak only of one matter, that is, the extreme care in the expenditure of the funds entrusted to them. It gives us confidence and encouragement to realize that the money we give to missions is not spent unwisely.

We should not overlook our literature. It was suggested that the women of our auxiliaries aid in the circulation of *King's Message* by organizing clubs of ten. We recommend that this be done. Also, the reading carefully of the Minutes of Biennial Convention to get all reports.

3. The paper, "Best Methods of Organizing and Conducting Mission Bands," by Mrs. S. I. Tibbins, of Peabody, Kan., was very helpful and an inspiration to all who heard it.

4. A letter from Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, our Field Secretary, was read, and her helpful suggestions and good wishes are heartily appreciated.

5. A letter from Mrs. E. D. Miller, our General Treasurer, was read and, while we regret exceedingly her unavoidable absence from our Convention, yet we are grateful for the information concerning the work among the immigrants and her hearty greetings.

6. Miss Garrett's letter from the African Mission was interesting and enjoyed by all.

7. A letter from Mrs. K. B. Shaffer recommends that the money for the General Fund be raised, and we are glad to emphasize the need of this work to the delegates of the Convention and recommend that each Society make a special effort to keep up the General Fund.

8. We would recommend that Miss Schuff's letter regarding box sent from this Synod be referred to Executive Committee, giving them full power to act.

Respectfully submitted, Miss ANNIE LEIDIGH,
Miss LENA SWICK,
Miss MYRTLE B. HOLLER,
Mrs. S. C. MESENHINER.

Adopted.

Following report of Committee on Resolutions adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Recognizing the kind providence of Almighty God in directing the work in our hands through the year, and seeking His guidance for the future, we adopt the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the efficient service of our officers and committees in the work of the year.

That we rejoice in the evident progress of all the departments of our work.

Resolved, That we record our appreciation of the splendid management of *Lutheran Woman's Work*, and bespeak for it a continued support and a wider circulation.

Resolved, That we recognize the importance of developing in our young people a larger interest in the work of missions, and that we recommend to our societies the adoption of plans whereby the attention of the sons may be directed to the ministry and our daughters may be deeply interested in missionary work.

Resolved, That we recognize the importance of the work of the "Committee of Inner Missions and Rescue Work," and recommend that we as individuals give it our moral and financial support.

Resolved, That we express loving sympathy for those who sorrow because of bereavement, also for the loss of our dear sister, Mrs. J. B. Wherfle, who at one time discharged the duties of Vice-President of this Synodical Society.

Resolved, That we renew our allegiance to the cause of temperance and of our desire to ever uphold and encourage our public officials in their effort to obliterate the liquor traffic.

Resolved, That we as a Convention express our appreciation and gratitude for the kindly and hospitable entertainment which has been ours while in attendance upon this meeting.

To the women of First Church who have been so mindful of us, to the pastor and his wife, and to all who have in any way contributed to our comfort and happiness, we extend grateful acknowledgment.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. W. HORN,
MRS. EMILY M. RICE,
MRS. C. JOHNTZ,
MRS. J. B. GROVE,
ELIZABETH CROYLE.

Reverend Mortensen being present at reading of above report, expressed hearty thanks in behalf of the Committee of Inner Missions for resolution referring to their work, and was given a copy of same.

Conference of delegates regarding methods of work and study of different auxiliaries was led by Mrs. Alice G. Bond.

The banner was at this time presented to Mrs. H. W. Horn, as representative of Topeka Auxiliary, that auxiliary reporting fifty-one magazines and twenty-one members.

Short talk was made by Rev. F. G. Gotwald, Secretary of Board of Education.

Moved that the old book of Corresponding Secretary be given in charge of the Historian.

The President asked for expressions from delegates as to the benefit they had derived from this Convention.

An impressive consecration service was led by Miss Annie Leidigh, Hutchinson, Kan.

Convention closed with Society benediction.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Annual executive session was held in Bible study room of First Lutheran Church, at 8 o'clock Monday evening, October 18, 1909.

Meeting opened with prayer by Miss Leidigh.

Duties of officers discussed and suggestions for work of coming year were made.

The President made following appointments:

Secretary Home Department—Mrs. A. M. Reitzel, Wellington, Kan.

Secretary Literature Committee—Mrs. Lydia A. Ott, Salina, Kan.

Secretary Thank-Offering Department—Mrs. Nannie J. George, Osage City, Kan.

Secretary Young People's and Mission Bands—Mrs. A. F. Myser, Emporia, Kan.

Committee on Annuities and Trust Funds—Miss Annie Leidigh, Hutchinson, Kan.

Auditing Committee—Mr. W. W. Brady and Mr. William Rausch, Kansas City, Mo.

Following bills were paid:

Mrs. A. F. Myser	$1.25
Mrs. Jennie M. Armstrong	13.87
Mrs. O. J. Peters	1.25
Mrs. R. B. Wolf	2.75
Mrs. I. B. Heisey	12.65
Mrs. Lydia A. Ott	7.50
Mrs. W. B. Winzenried	2.00
Total	$41.27

MRS. W. B. WINZENRIED,
Recording Secretary.

Adjourned.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate:

to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—Officers.

Section 1. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents (selected, respectively, from the two Conferences comprising the Synod), Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Historian.

ARTICLE II.—Elections.

Section 1. The officers shall be elected by ballot at the morning session of the last day of the annual meeting, a majority vote being necessary to an election.

Section 2. No lady shall be eligible to any office for a longer period than two consecutive years.

ARTICLE III.—Executive Committee.

The officers shall constitute an Executive Committee, whose duty it shall be to exercise supervision throughout the year, and fill all vacancies in office or committee.

ARTICLE IV.—Incidental Fund.

Section 1. Auxiliaries shall contribute twenty cents per member annually toward an incidental fund and the expense of a delegate to the Biennial Convention.

Section 2. The expenses of the administration throughout the year, also the traveling expenses of the President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer and Delegate of the Synodical Literature Committee to the Annual Convention, shall be paid from this fund.

ARTICLE V.—Synodical Delegate.

The auxiliaries shall elect their Delegates to the Synodical Conventions in August and report to the Synodical President immediately.

ARTICLE VI.—Amendments.

These By-laws may be altered or amended by a majority vote of the Annual Convention.

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CORPORATE NAMES AND TITLES.

To prevent all mistakes in the writing of wills and making of bequests to the benevolent objects of the Church, it has been ordered that the corporate names and titles of the different Boards and Societies of the General Synod should appear on this page. If those who contemplate making any of the church institutions named below beneficiaries in their last wills are careful to use the legal titles here following, their pious intentions will not be frustrated.

THE GENERAL SYNOD.

"The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America."

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

"The Board of Home Missions of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States."

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"The Board of Foreign Missions of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States."

THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

"The Board of Church Extension of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States."

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

"The Board of Education of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America."

THE W. H. AND F. M. SOCIETY.

"The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States."

THE DEACONESS BOARD.

"The Deaconess Board of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America."

HOME FOR THE AGED.

"The National Lutheran Home for the Aged, Washington, D. C."

THE PASTORS' FUND SOCIETY.

"The Pastors' Fund Society of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the United States of America."

THE PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

"The Lutheran Publication Society."

THE ORPHANS' HOME AT LOYSVILLE, PA.

"Tressler Orphans' Home of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the General Synod in the United States of America."

THE ORPHANS' HOME AT SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

"Oesterlen Orphans' Home of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the General Synod in the United States of America."

THE ORPHANS' HOME AT NACHUSA, ILL.

"Nachusa Lutheran Orphanage of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the General Synod in the United States of America."

TABITHA HOME.

"Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebraska."

THE PARENT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

"Parent Education Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States."

HARTWICK SEMINARY.

"Hartwick Seminary."

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT GETTYSBURG.

"The Theological Seminary of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States."

WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT ATCHISON, KAN.

"Western Theological Seminary of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States."

CARTHAGE COLLEGE.

"Carthage College, Carthage, Illinois."

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

"The Historical Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America."

CAUTION.—It would be well to remember that State laws should be consulted in making bequests.